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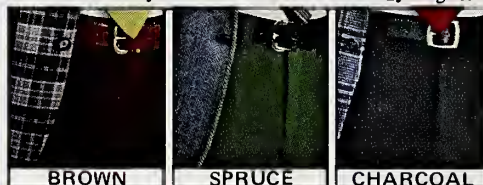
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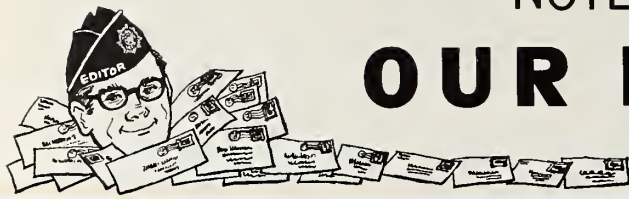
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more such stories of interest to the Vietnam veteran.

ED KIMPEL
Edgerton, OH

SIR: Congratulations on your support of a great and loyal American, "Billy Mitchell—Hero," in the August issue. I know something of his early background and heartily accept your analysis of the man. I knew him when his father controlled the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway in the Dakota Territory and my father had built a flour mill on the railroad. I knew him to be a man of character and a loyal American. My sympathies were always with him.

R. S. CLARK
San Francisco, CA

SIR: I've enjoyed "Parting Shots" for years. Keep up the good work! It's good clean humor that I can leave around for the children to enjoy.

MRS. WILLIAM GIESEN
Milbank, SD

SIR: That was quite a story on the "Vietnam Gunship Mission" in the August issue. How different from World War II!

DWIGHT SMITH
Dallas Center, IA

MISCELLANEA

SIR: It's said that a Confederate dollar is worth \$12.50. Maybe we have been betting on the wrong horse!

W. HALSEY WOOD
Little Compton, RI

SIR: Statements that the United States "lost the war" in Vietnam reflect unfairly on those who served there. Our military men suffered no defeat. It was the politicians who restricted their actions and ultimately ordered withdrawal.

CHARLES W. HILL
Topeka, KS

SIR: We would appreciate the assistance of Legionnaires in our collection of Hoover letters, a program of great historical value to this and future generations. Kindly forward Xerox copies of such authentic letters to the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library, West Branch, IA.

CAPT. FOREST M. JOHNSON
Piedmont, CA

SIR: Americans must be made more aware of their merchant marine. Russia is trying to gain control of the seas. It has a reported 2,400 vessels in service and seeks a 35 percent increase by 1980. What can we do to

Letters to the Editor

"RHODESIA" REACTION

SIR: "Rhodesia's Tangled Roots" in your August issue is such a great piece that I am showing it to Senator Dick Clarke of Iowa, Chairman of the Senate Committee on African Affairs. I have visited Rhodesia. My findings agree 100 percent with those so beautifully and poignantly expressed by Elizabeth Baruch. More power to her and the American Legion.

HENRY B. HOOK
Davenport, IA

SIR: I agree wholeheartedly with Ian Smith's statement in "Rhodesia's Tangled Roots", August issue, "you cannot appease the Communists by alienating your friends." The survival of the free world is being threatened, not by Rhodesia or South Africa, but by Soviet Russia, which goes on gobbling one small country after another while we do nothing but gabble about detente and disarmament. Let's wake up before it's too late!

WILBUR J. DOWD
Madison, CT

SIR: I read with interest and envious admiration the ease with which the author of "Rhodesia's Tangled Roots," Elizabeth Baruch, colored the truth. The interests of six million people are placed neatly in the hands of politicians dominated by the theory of peace at any cost? What does she think of economic democracy based on social justice and social charity?

REV. EDWARD McMENAMIN
Thief River Falls, MN

SIR: The statue of Dr. David Livingstone is located on the Zambesi River overlooking Victoria Falls, not in Bulawayo, as captioned in "Rhodesia's Tangled Roots" in the August issue.

RICHARD M. JOSEPH
Lansing, MI

SIR: Your article, "Rhodesia's Tangled Roots," in the August issue is unquestionably one of the finest cov-

erages I have read on this very controversial subject. The American public has received much misinformation and this article gives us facts. Please be sure that the leaders of our government receive copies of this article.

N. G. NYERGES
Santa Monica, CA

OFF-TARGET

SIR: The article "Close Encounter of Flight 101," in the July issue was interesting reading, as lighter-than-air ventures such as blimps and dirigibles are slated for revival. However, there was one misleading statement: "She smelled the strong odor of helium." Helium has no odor.

EMILIANO JONAS SILING
Chapala, Jalisco, Mex.

SIR: I enjoyed the June issue, especially the article on Legion baseball All-Stars . . . however, Kermit Wahl of Columbia, SD should have been included in the list of 400 Legion baseball grads who have played in the major league all-star classic.

JAMES (BUD) HURIN
Stewart, NV

SIR: The Billy Mitchell story in the August issue was excellent, but there was no mention of several successful aviators in those early days of flying, such as Goettler, Bleckley, Vaughn, Spring and Kindly.

PHILIP STONEMETZ
Dover, NH

BULL'S EYES

SIR: I am a Vietnam veteran active in every major veterans organization, although I find my fondest association with the American Legion. Its membership is most active and knowledgeable in community affairs, is friendly and is steeped in history. The Legion state and national publications are "sans pariel" in my opinion.

THOMAS MAYER
Pontiac, MI

SIR: I enjoyed the article "Vietnam Gunship Mission" in the August issue. I hope to see in our magazine

insure free access to vital raw materials and freedom of the seas?

FRANK MOORE
Green Harbor, MA

SIR: In regard to your Billy Mitchell story in the August issue, I was quartermaster on the bridge of the *USS North Dakota* as an eyewitness to the sinking of the German battleship *Ostfriesland*. One bomb went down her stack, she shuddered and shortly started to sink slowly by the bow; as her stern was only a few feet above water another bomb hit, sending out a huge flash of flame.

ADELARD C. BLAIR
Salem, NH

SIR: What has happened to respect for the flag? What brought us to this pinnacle of apathy? Vietnam is over. We are again a nation undivided. What is needed is to get people off their seats and onto their feet when our flag is presented or passes in review.

BRUCE HAAS, JR.
Anchorage, AK

SIR: My husband is a construction engineer; his work takes us to many cities and towns. It can be a lonely life, but for us the Legion has helped. From our home Post 157 in Brooklyn we have made Legion friends throughout the country. They have helped us find places to live, places to shop; they have made us welcome. We wish to give our heartfelt thanks to a wonderful organization.

MARY E. BORUT
Portage, WI

SIR: Can The American Legion get behind a national effort to get rid of discarded refrigerators? The death of even one more child in such a trap must be avoided.

ED STROUPHAUER
Wilkes-Barre, PA

SIR: As a Legionnaire and a veteran of the Air Force I am appalled at the disclosure that the World Bank is approving an interest free loan to Communist Vietnam.

We are giving away the Panama Canal and now the veterans of our nation are subjected to the humiliation of an outright gift to Vietnam. You don't fight Communism by feeding it. You cut off its existence and it will fade from starvation. Legionnaires, wake up! We may have to fight the war to end all wars.

TIM J. JOHNSON
Ruskin, FL

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And Mr. Smith taught us something else, too. Not to go too fast. So our courses have what we call "bite-size" lessons. That's another way of saying that they're easy to digest. Big enough to cover a specific subject thoroughly, but not so much that it'll overwhelm you. And we keep in mind that you're learning at home, so you take our lessons at your own pace. That way, you can learn in your spare time without interfering with your present job.

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I'm not really sticking my neck out, because I know something you may not. Almost half the TV servicemen working out there have taken home-study courses. And among them, it's NRI more than three to one! I'll be happy to send you a copy of the national survey that proves it.

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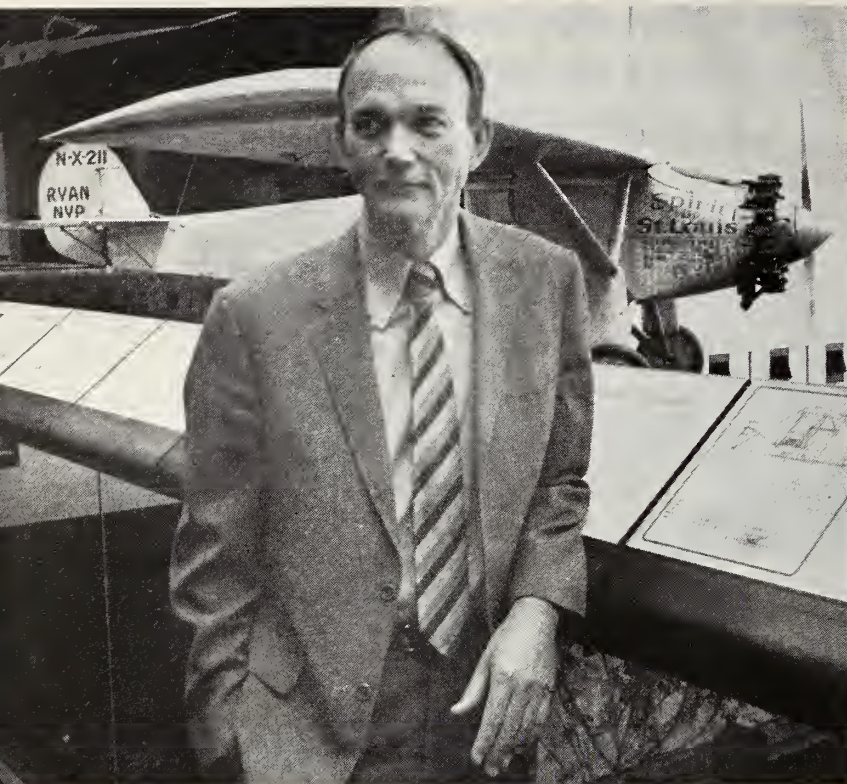
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Michael Collins is now Under Secretary of the Smithsonian



Frank Borman speaks for Eastern Airlines

Where Are Our Astronauts Now?

By RUTH INGLIS MATTHEWS

SINCE 1975, U.S. exploration of space, though brilliant, has been confined to such unmanned achievements as Pioneer Venus (1) launched May 20, and Pioneer Venus (2) launched Aug. 8, 1978.

The U.S. Shuttle era is scheduled to begin next year. In effect, it will offer a space trucking service which will yield untold practical benefits to mankind. It would not be possible without the courageous and skilled exploration of space by U.S. astronauts during earlier years.

The age of space colonies is for the distant future. If it comes to pass, Shuttles will be used for its construction. In the meantime, the Shuttles will do yeoman service. Launched with rockets into near earth orbit, they will circle the earth for a week or a month and then land like gliders on long airstrips. It will be possible to launch, repair and retrieve satellites, survey earth sources, monitor weather conditions and conduct experiments of many kinds—at a fraction of previous cost.

In a cooperative effort between NASA and the European Space

America's heroes of the space age adapt to life back on earth.

Agency, a consortium of European companies led by a German-Dutch company, VFW-Fokker/ERNO, is manufacturing SPACELAB. It will ride inside the Shuttle and provide a pressurized laboratory where scientists and technicians can conduct experiments in a shirt-sleeve environment without space suits. Many universities, research institutes and companies throughout the world are planning research projects in medicine, chemistry, metallurgy, etc., in the weightless environment of near space. It is hoped that new alloys and crystals as well as less expensive manufacturing processes will be perfected. Astronaut Edward G. Gibson, a Ph.D. in Engineering and Physics who flew on Skylab, served as a consultant to ERNO between March 1976 and 1977 and then returned to NASA where he resumed training for future space missions.

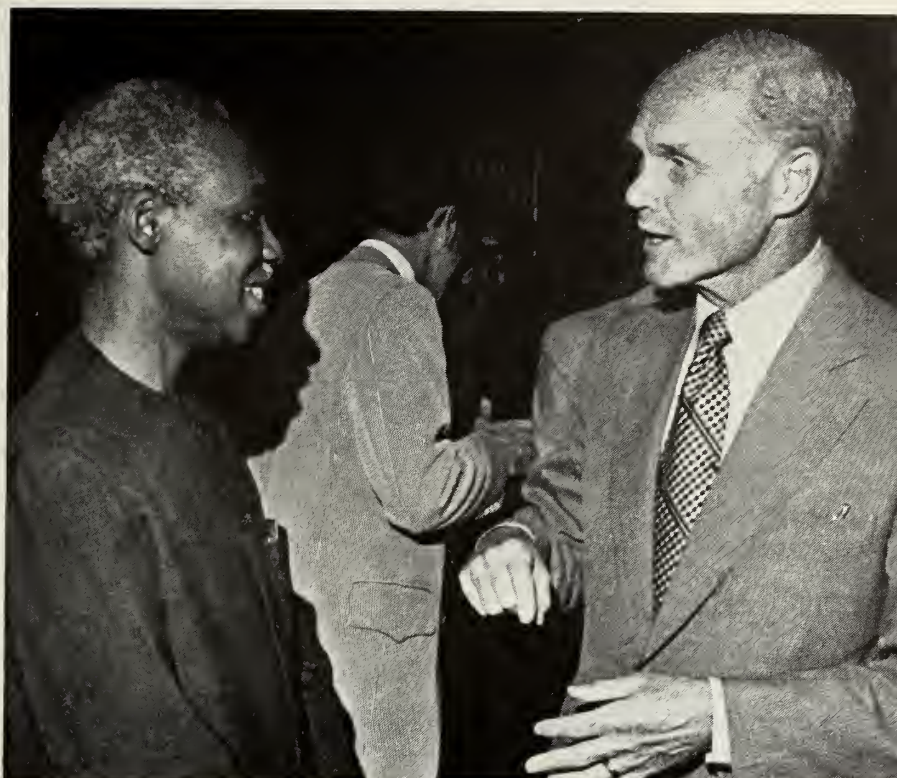
Ruth I. Matthews is a free-lance writer specializing in aerospace subjects.

To implement the Shuttle era, NASA has recruited 35 new astronaut candidates, including six women, three blacks and one person of oriental extraction. Training is going on right now. Shuttle personnel will be of two kinds: those who pilot and manage the space vehicle, and mission specialists, who are the engineers and technicians who conduct the research and will be responsible for coordination of the Shuttle with the Shuttle crew. Additionally, non-astronaut payload specialists will fly on some missions to carry out specific experiments or do other tasks related to the payload.

It will be a different ball game from space exploration. The natural hazards of zero gravity, radiation, intense acceleration and deceleration, and the problems of communication have been overcome. We know that people can fly safely in space for long periods of time. It is not like going to the corner grocery store, but near space is no longer unknown. It



Harrison Schmitt is a U.S. Senator from New Mexico



Another U.S. Senator is John H. Glenn, Jr., of Ohio

is, in fact, getting crowded with satellites and other hardware.

For three and a half years, from April 1959, the United States had only seven astronauts, the Project Mercury group. In 1962 and 1963, another 23 were selected for the Apollo program. Many were test pilots whose courage was matched by their disciplined skill in minute observation. They all were under 40 years of age and 5 feet, 11 inches or less in height. They went through rigorous physical and mental tests and training.

The dangers were real. When Col. Virgil "Gus" Grissom landed from his Mercury flight on July 21, 1961, his spacecraft sank, but he was rescued. In 1967, he, Lt. Cdr. Roger B. Chaffee and Lt. Col. Edward H. White II died in a flash fire of their Apollo command module on a Saturn booster rocket. In April 1970, a ruptured oxygen tank aborted an Apollo mis-

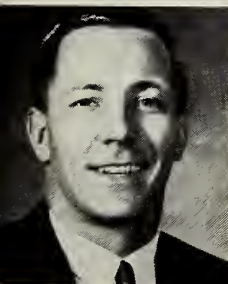
sion. Fortunately, astronauts Cdr. James A. Lovell, Jr., Fred W. Haise, Jr., and John L. Swigert, Jr., returned safely to earth. Lovell is president of Fisk Telephone Systems, Inc., in Houston, TX. Haise, recently resigned from NASA, was a pilot for Shuttle approach and landing test flights. Swigert became executive staff director of the House of Representatives Committee on Science and Technology. He is now a candidate for the U.S. Senate from Colorado, running as a Republican.

If you want to know what the early astronauts were really like, read Michael Collins' fascinating book "Carrying the Fire." Collins is a talented writer and an extraordinary human being. With occasional flashes of wit and exquisite detail he tells how he felt about the preparations for flight, about the medics, NASA officials, his fellow astronauts, his exasperations, his moments of elation.

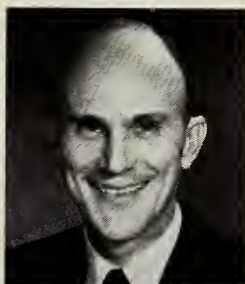
In earthy language, he tells it like it was. Retired from NASA, he became an assistant secretary of state, Director of the National Air and Space Museum, and is now Under Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. He once refused \$50,000 to advertise beer, but did unpaid commercials for U.S. Savings Bonds.

The Mercury training director, psychologist Dr. Robert Voas, analyzed the characteristics of the early astronauts: "intelligence without genius, knowledge without inflexibility, a high degree of skill without overtraining, fear but not cowardice, bravery without foolhardiness, self-confidence without egotism, physical fitness without being muscle-bound, preference for participatory over spectator sports, frankness without blabbermouthing, enjoyment of

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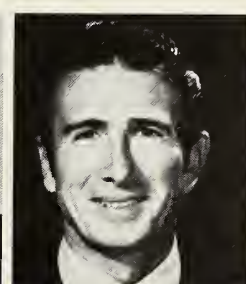
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Chuck Schroeder and His Giant Geese

**How a North Dakota Legionnaire helped
bring the threatened Canadian Goose
back to his native state**

By TED UPGREN

Prologue

The sunrise was a half-hour old when the first flock of Canada geese rose from a willow-patched sandbar, labored for altitude and then passed over the rugged east bank of the Missouri. A stiff northwest breeze carried October snowflakes and helped move the black geese on to wheat fields where they had feasted the day before. It was 1891.

In an earthen pit a 12-year-old boy waited impatiently, clutching a big 12-gauge hammer gun. It was his first goose hunt. A few yards away his anxious father lay curled in a similar pit. In front of them 40 tin decoys bid the geese welcome.

Man and boy could hear the cackling geese sounds now, carried by the brisk prairie wind. Black specks appeared on the horizon. The man and boy stiffened. They were small Canadas, a dozen or so. The line slipped to the south, made its turn and began the upwind approach to the decoys. The range closed slowly . . . 200 yards . . . 150 yards.

Then the man sensed other company. He turned slowly. His

heart leaped. A separate flight had approached, unannounced. But these were a different kind of geese. There were seven. They were giant Canadas! They were honkers! The most uncommon, but most prized variety of Canada goose, the granddaddies of all geese.

An explosion. Black powder smoke filled the air. Goose talk rose to a clamor. When the smoke cleared, the first group of small Canadas had broken off. To the northeast, six heavy-bodied birds, coursing low over the stubble, retreated. On the ground lay a goose—a giant Canada and next to it knelt an exuberant 12-year-old boy.

Had there been an endangered species list in 1891, the giant Canada goose probably would have been on it. Few would approach a North Dakota hunter's decoys for nearly 80 years. By 1920, the giant Canada goose was considered extremely rare

Ted Upgren has been with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department since 1967, and is a contributor to outdoor publications.



Charles "Chuck" H. Schroeder

if not extinct throughout North America.

Charles "Chuck" H. Schroeder, a man who was to become a key figure in the restoration of Canada geese in North Dakota and a North Dakota Department Commander of The American Legion, wasn't around in 1891. He wouldn't be born for another 36 years. Then 41 years would pass before he and other North Dakotans would tackle the giant Canada restoration project—not until 1969, after Schroeder had spent 13 years as a waterfowl biologist with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

Today, nine years later, the giant Canada goose has been partially restored as a breeding species on the Dakota high plains. Chuck Schroeder probably made the difference.

"It has a very special meaning to me," Schroeder says, "just the thought of helping bring back a spe-

cies that was once a breeder in the state's early history . . . first, just to be a part of the overall environment. And now, more importantly, to bring it back as a game species—that's the additional measure. The Canada goose belongs here."

The reestablishment of the giant Canada goose (*Branta canadensis maxima*) in North Dakota is a major achievement of contemporary game management. The bird is the largest of all geese and once nested over much of North America. It went nearly to extinction before it was properly classified. Hunters on the northern plains in the 1880's and '90s periodically reported large extra-heavy birds and some felt they represented a distinct race of Canada geese. Wing spreads in excess of 75 inches and body lengths of 48 inches were measured. Weights commonly ranged over 16 pounds. In North Dakota the last known giant Canada



goose nest was reported in Kidder County in 1926.

Then, in 1951, a researcher found in the notes of the late James Moffit a description of the giant Canada goose, a variety Moffit called *maxima*. In 1962, Harold C. Hanson, a noted Canada goose authority from Illinois; Forrest Lee, a waterfowl propagator then with the Minnesota Conservation Department; and others, confirmed the existence of a wild, free-flying flock of giant Canadas among wintering waterfowl at Rochester, MN. The *maxima* had not perished after all.

The 1969 restoration effort began at Slade National Wildlife Refuge in Kidder County, about 50 miles east of Bismarck. It received 142 adult geese, hand-reared at the Fish and Wildlife Service's Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center at Jamestown, ND. Forrest Lee supervised the propagation job. From 1969 to 1971 over 300 goslings were produced at Slade and, significantly, two nests in 1971 were found outside refuge boundaries on private land. These represented the first successful nesting in Kidder County of a giant Canada on private land in 45 years.

The geese had done their part. Now, could the program be expanded to establish free-flying flocks at other refuges across North Dakota?

Pen several hundred geese in an enclosure and you're bound to attract attention. Marauding dogs and coons killed over 100 birds in one incident. Goslings, hand-reared from stock in refuges, showed little fear of humans. Released, they congregated in farmyards, unharvested grain fields, even among the decoys of wide-eyed hunters. Furthermore, these newcomers not only had to make it past the guns of North Dakotans and other Central Flyway hunters to the south, they had to survive at least one more spring and fall migration before the females returned to lay their first eggs. Some females wouldn't lay until their third spring.

After two years of suspense, slowly the data trickled in. Leg band returns documented a mortality rate over 26 percent for 1972 releases.

Another 1.5 percent were known dead from other causes.

Obviously, total mortality from all causes was considerably higher. But known losses from 1973 releases were less. In 1974, documented deaths were fewer yet. Things were looking up. By mid-summer, 1974, nesting studies indicated that the two- and three-year-old birds were reproducing well with nesting success running as high as 70 percent. The giant Canada goose was being reestablished in North Dakota.

"In my opinion," said Forrest Lee, "the giant Canada goose restoration program in North Dakota would never have gotten off the pad had it not been for Chuck Schroeder's leadership and active involvement."

Schroeder "sold" the program to the public—convincing landowners to allow transplants on their lands and impressing upon hunters the need to protect these sites from hunting. He confronted often huffy groups with such success that many sug-

gested closing even larger areas than were recommended.

"It's been a wonderful lesson in human nature . . . to see how much support you can get from people when you go out and explain to them what you are trying to do," says Schroeder. "And, of course, we had a wonderful product in the Canada goose."

Schroeder even got inmates at the North Dakota state prison farm to help raise goslings.

His colleagues voted Schroeder the first secretary-treasurer of the 190-member North Dakota Chapter of The Wildlife Society. Later he became its president. He was awarded the 1977 Professional Award by the seven-state Central Mountains and Plains Section of The Wildlife Society.

Boyd Clemens, past national vice-commander of The American Legion, recalls Schroeder's parallel rise in the North Dakota Legion Department. He and Schroeder competed against each other for post commander one year. Schroeder lost. A few years later, Clemens chose Schroeder for his campaign manager when he ran for department and



national vice-commander. Clemens won both.

In the 1930's, Schroeder's dad signed him up in Sons of The American Legion. During World War II Schroeder served as a Navy electronics technician, enlisting just after Pearl Harbor. He sailed on the *USS Iowa* and *USS Atlanta*.

In 1956, after completing his B.S. degree in wildlife management at the University of Minnesota, he came to North Dakota. He became commander of Bismarck's Lloyd Spetz Post No. 1, then fifth district commander and then central region vice-commander. For several years, including this year, he has been director of the department's youth oratorical contest. He is past Chef de Gare of Voiture 291 of the 40 et 8. In 1977, he became North Dakota

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The Commander Speaks Out On National Security

*From His Acceptance Speech
at the National Convention*

NATIONAL SECURITY, as always, will be demanding a major effort from The American Legion in the coming year. It is not easy to sustain support for an adequate system of military preparedness when we are not at war and the need is not readily apparent to everyone.

However, the need is no less real when we know there are foreign ideologies ready to destroy our nation, and the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of this land of the free, when they think they can do so without suffering massive retaliation. World domination always has been an objective of the international communist conspiracy, and that objective never has been renounced.

American Legion theory with regard to our national security capabilities is to maintain a good offense and keep control of the ball.

We have been hurt in this area since our support has been for the triad concept of national defense, and that concept has been battered by the decision to scrap the B-1 bomber.

The strategic missile arm of Triad is the Minuteman III in fixed silos. We have the MX missile system on the drawing board, but it can't defend us from there. The new defense budget has funds for further research on the MX, but nothing for construction and deployment. It is essential that we get beyond the research stage immediately and for production and deployment to begin as soon as possible. We shall bend our every effort in that direction for the good of America—for the preservation of freedom.

The neutron warhead, which many military experts believed would help us maintain both a tactical and strategic edge, and which might have been used as a lever in getting SALT talks off dead center, is under a cloud of indecision, and we would hope a positive decision might be forthcoming on that system in the near future.

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Presenting

The NATIONAL COMMANDER of the AMERICAN LEGION

AS THE NEW National Commander of The American Legion, John M. Carey brings to the organization strong and positive ideas about the future of America and the part Legionnaires should play in safeguarding it.

Since his election at the National Convention in New Orleans on August 24, the National Commander has made some of his views known, and more can be expected. Further, he strongly believes that in this time of crisis Legionnaires generally should speak up on the issues, though he cautions them to understand thoroughly what is involved and the Legion's position with regard to them.

Something about the Commander's background will help Legionnaires understand what he is trying to accomplish and how he is likely to go about it.

Jack Carey was born in Mt. Pleasant, MI, on October 26, 1924. This city on the Chippewa River has long been known as the oil capital of Michigan and the wells are still producing. So, as the boy grew up he decided that he would become a part of that industry. While in high school he got a part-time job in the accounting department of one of the local oil companies and felt he was on his way.

Moving him further in this direction, he was awarded a scholarship to Central Michigan University where he planned to study accounting. However, the year was 1942, war had started, and even though he rated deferment because of his job in the essential business of oil production, he asked that his draft number be moved up. The Army obliged and he was sworn in on March 23, 1943. He was 18 years old at the time.

After basic training at Camp T. J. Robinson, Little Rock, AR, he was assigned to the 651st Engr. TOPO.

Bn. at Camp Maxey, Texas. Three months later his battalion was moved to Camp Young at Indio, CA, and in March 1944 he was on his way to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. There his outfit became the 64th Engr. TOPO. Bn., and 60 men and three officers were separated from it to form a Detached Topographic Engineering Group for making maps and reproducing them in quantity for invading forces. Jack Carey was among the men picked for this duty.

They left Pearl Harbor, destination unknown, and 42 days later they were involved in the invasion of Leyte. Carey's job was to help in the unloading of ships and to keep track of the map-making equipment. After Leyte was secured, his outfit was moved to Okinawa and again there was the strenuous job of moving and keeping track of the flatbed presses, and other equipment and materials necessary to provide the men in the field with maps.

After Okinawa the men were returned to their original battalion, then on Guam. The war had ended but there was still some interesting duty ahead. The battalion's CO called them together and told them that he had volunteered the 64th to be General MacArthur's engineering group in Japan. As a result, Jack was among the first GI's to enter Tokyo.

"It was good duty," he recalls. "We were quartered on the fifth floor of a large department store near the Ginza and not far from MacArthur's headquarters." However, not a great deal of time had to be spent there and Sgt. Carey was able to see much of Japan and what the war had done to it.

"I'd hate to see anything like that happen to this country," he observed.

That tour of duty coming to an end, he was returned stateside, and discharged as a staff sergeant at Ft.

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JOHN M. CAREY
NATIONAL COMMANDER
THE AMERICAN LEGION, 1978-79

Should The CIA Budget Be Disclosed?

IT IS INDICATIVE of just how far our society has wandered from its democratic principles in the area of intelligence operations that there is even a question of whether the intelligence budget should be disclosed to the citizens of the Republic. A recent history combining studied deception by some executive branch officials and blissful ignorance displayed by Congressional overseers, has granted the U.S. intelligence community what amounts to near license within self-definition of the national interest.

Despite some general protestations from those with vested interests within the intelligence community, few have identified specific serious repercussions of our more open approach of the last few years. The nation survives, our intelligence agencies still gather information effectively, and

in fact the United States has quite successfully avoided the kind of secret political entanglements that characterized an earlier era when secrecy of intelligence actions was even greater. That is the truest measure of the success of the disclosure route.

Rather than restating the obligatory caveat that my advocacy of disclosure does not seek to undermine the legitimate intelligence-gathering role of these agencies, allow me to use it to illustrate my point. The lesson of the last few years of controversy has moved the public debate beyond such a naked choice between effective intelligence and an

open society, between secrecy and democracy. My concern is that in making the necessary reconciliation, we no longer ask if the "national security" can withstand some particular degree of disclosure, but rather, whether the nation can survive continued abuse to the democratic process wrought by excessive secrecy.

I recognize that we must move carefully when dealing with information that some have identified as damaging to the national interest if disclosed. However, as elected representatives of the American people, we have a more important obligation to uphold the underlying democratic principles that have suffered so seriously from intelligence agencies construing their mandates as broadly as an elastic Constitution and vague statutes might allow. Let the Constitution and our democratic values, and not some Cold War definition of the national interest, serve as the starting point for this public debate.

I urge, therefore, a reversal of the process in which years of erring on the side of secrecy have led to very dubious political involvements abroad at a terrible price to our domestic institutions. I seriously doubt whether our society can withstand another era of public mistrust of government institutions, fueled by intelligence operations. That sort of threat to our national security is far more serious, and should serve to focus any inquiry into disclosure.

Let me reiterate that my implied criticism of this procedure should in no way be considered as unreflective of my basic support of this kind of endeavor.

YES



Rep. Michael J. Harrington (D-MA)

Michael J. Harrington

AS CHAIRMAN of the Subcommittee on Budget Authorization in the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, I have the responsibility of exercising oversight of the budget of the intelligence community. My work on this Committee has made it clear to me that disclosure of the intelligence appropriation would undermine the effectiveness of our entire intelligence apparatus. Such a disclosure would allow hostile countries to frustrate our intelligence activities, and increase demands that more and more information about U.S. intelligence activities be revealed. Moreover, disclosure is not required under our Constitution.

First, disclosure would benefit hostile intelligence services by enabling them to detect trends in our intelligence operations as a result of increases and decreases in the appropriation figure which will be reflected from year to year.

Second, while revelation of the intelligence appropriation will be very useful to an adversary possessing a sophisticated analytic capability, it will be meaningless to even generally well-informed members of the public. Many will insist on knowing what the money is actually being used for. This is what is called the "nose under the tent" problem. Once we start down the road of publishing intelligence appropriation figures, we will be faced with irresistible demands from those who insist upon knowing more. Such additional disclosures would do irreparable damage to our intelligence operations.

Third, the Constitution does not require that the intelligence appropriation be disclosed. No one has ever argued that the so-called "Statements and Accounts" clause requires the publication of expenditures, the public knowledge of which might be damaging to national security. Attorney General Bell has agreed that the Constitution does not require such disclosure:

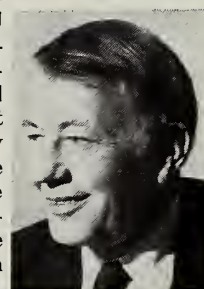
"... the Constitution does not require public disclosure of the aggregate authorization or appropriation figure, nor does it require publication of an account of the expenditures of the intelligence agencies, individually or as a whole."

Given the risks, we must ask: what would be gained by disclosure? Is there a compelling reason that justifies these risks to our national security?

We have heard no public outcry for disclosure of the amount appropriated for intelligence activities. There has been no evidence that such a revelation will result in a more meaningful informed public, nor any insistence that knowledge of the figure would prevent any of the abuses or overreachings of the past.

Neither this nation nor any other country in the world has ever embarked on such a dangerous path. In an ideal world, full disclosure might be preferable. Unfortunately, we do not live in an ideal world. To operate as if we did would be to operate at our peril.

NO



Sen. William D. Hathaway (D-ME)

William D. Hathaway

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The Story of World War II As Told By Stamps

From the rise of Hitler to VJ Day
it's all there in miniature

By RAYMOND SCHUESSLER

NO RECORD of World War II is more artistically and historically accurate than that portrayed on postage stamps of the world. A collection of such stamps is a chronicle of the war years from the rise of Hitler to the evacuation at Dunkirk; the fall of Bataan to the bloody battle at Iwo Jima, and the march of our 28th Battalion through the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. It's all there—a tiny art gallery.

The history of man and his achievements are chronicled on stamps. As the late General and President Dwight Eisenhower said: "The stamps of the world are powerful object lessons in the eternal hunger of men for knowledge . . . They are a pictorial history of all the arts and sciences, and human progress since the earliest civilization. They are also an extraordinary record of World War II."

Whenever a great event took place during the Great War, it was indelibly etched in history by appearing on stamps of both Allies and Axis nations.

Germany kept up a constant barrage of stamps for propaganda and inspirational purposes. In 1937, a souvenir sheet commemorated Hitler's 48th birthday. The following year two stamps were issued, one honoring a youth carrying a torch and laurel extolling the virtues of Hitler's youth corps and the other a profile of Hitler.

A stamp to propagandize the Rome-Berlin Axis showed portraits of Hitler and Mussolini.

In 1943, during the height of the war, Germany issued an entire series of war stamps, spectacular in its terror, showing dive bombers, paratroopers, tanks, engineers corps, the works.

The following year another series of war scene stamps was issued: grenade throwers, self-propelled guns (as weapons became more sophisticated they were displayed on

stamps), sea raiders, railway artillery, rockets, mountain troops.

Two stamps, the last of the war issue showing S. S. and S. A. storm troopers, were on sale in Berlin before the collapse of that city. These stamps were issued to commemorate the 12th anniversary of the Nazis' assumption of power, but they served only to signal the end.

Russia began its bombardment of war stamps (they are one of the most prolific producers of stamps in the world) in 1941. It was a scene showing a mother bidding goodbye to her son with the admonition "Be a hero!"

Later that year Russian stamps showed both a portrait of the soldier and a dramatization of his heroic deed: Junior Lieutenant Talalikhin ramming a German plane in midair; Captain Gastello and his burning plane diving into enemy gasoline tanks; Maj. Gen. Dovator leading his Cossack Cavalry; Zoya Kosmodemjanokaja being led to her death by Nazi soldiers.

Every year Russia issued dozens of stamps depicting war scenes. Trench mortars being loaded, medical corpsmen rescuing wounded soldiers, snipers with telescopic sights. Even war medals are shown on stamps.

Russia's improving air force also made the pasteboards: in 1945, designs of Russia's growing air fleet, such as the early Iakovlev Fighters and Ilyushin bombers, were depicted. Some of these stamps which sold for pennies then sell now for \$10 apiece.

In 1940, America began its parade of patriotic war stamps even though we were still neutral. The National Defense Series was issued that year. Original sketches by President Roosevelt were used as the basis for the final designs.

In 1942, the Win the War Issue

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symbolized the national war effort and its goal of victory.

The Overrun Countries issue made its appearance the following year. Flags of conquered countries were printed on a stamp: Poland, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Belgium, France, Greece, Yugoslavia, Albania, Austria, Denmark and Korea. These stamps are now much in demand by collectors.

In 1944, the Corregidor stamp paid tribute to the gallant resistance of Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright's American and Philippine troops besieged there by the Japanese in 1942. After the fall of Bataan, the remnant defense forces withdrew to the fortress Corregidor in Manila Bay and withstood the invaders for almost a month before surrendering May 6, 1942.

The following year the Iwo Jima stamp honored the U. S. Marines, showing the Leathernecks raising the American flag on Mount Suribachi.

The 1945 Army Commemorative stamp showed the 28th Division marching through Paris and the Arc de Triomphe. The 1945 Navy Commemorative showed a group of grinning sailors. The Coast Guard stamp pictures a landing craft, a theme

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The late President Franklin D. Roosevelt was an avid stamp collector



The Battle of Belleau Wood

By FRANK KUEST

IT WAS pinpoint American marksmanship vs. rigid German discipline in the second important engagement involving the American Expeditionary Force in World War I—the bloody battle of Belleau Wood. Marksmanship prevailed.

The picture was bleak for France. Late in May, 1918, there seemed to be no stopping the German army's drive toward Paris.

The Allies were taken by surprise by the Germans' inexorable advance toward the French capital. Even Gen. Erich Ludendorff, who had masterminded the German offensive as a diversion to draw French reserves

from the British, was amazed at his success.

For the French, despair had set in. In Paris, it was almost unbearable. The government planned to move to Bordeaux. There was panic in the Chamber of Deputies.

At this point, there were some one million American soldiers in France, but many Frenchmen believed their number was too late to save their nation and that they would be witness to the collapse of their country.

Gen. John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of the AEF, had prepared to move his headquarters at

Chaumont. Pershing had resisted attempts to integrate his forces into an Allied command, holding out for an independent American Army.

As more and more American troops poured into France, they initially were used to blunt German offensives rather than attack and destroy them.

In June 1918, when the German threat to Paris was at its height, the U. S. 2nd Division had been deployed to Chateau-Thierry.

The 2nd Division, whose motto was "Second to None" and which wore the Indianhead shoulder patch, was composed of the Army's 3rd Infantry Brigade, the Marine Corps 4th Brigade (Infantry) and the Army's 2nd Field Artillery Brigade.

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The Germans were poised on the north bank of the Marne River, leaving the Allies in a most undesirable position on the south bank, just northeast of the city of Rheims. The Germans commanded the higher elevation.

Belleau Wood—the Bois de Belleau—was occupied by the Germans. This kidney-shaped wood of about a square mile was infested with disciplined enemy troops, the trees and heavy foliage providing cover for the huge rocks and ravines which housed machine gun nests.

To improve their positions, the Allies planned to open a drive with Belleau Wood as their objective. The task was assigned to the 2nd Division, with the Marine Brigade given the tough job of ousting the Germans from their almost impenetrable positions.

During the bloody Belleau Wood battle, a corporal stopped to pluck a poppy and placed it in the buckle of his helmet; Capt. Donald Duncan smoked his pipe while he waved his men forward with his swagger stick, and Gunnery Sgt. Dan Daly, already a holder of the Medal of Honor, bellowed his unforgotten words to his platoon:

“Come on you sons of bitches. Do you want to live forever?”

For 20 days the battle in and near Belleau Wood raged. They were, as Pvt. Hiram B. Pottinger of the Sixth Marines said, “days of hell.”

The Sixth Marines alone lost more than 64 percent of its men but even with those incredible losses, the morale was excellent—most of the Marines living on sheer nerve.

The French later changed the name of Bois de Belleau to Bois de la Brigade des Marines. Many medals were earned, including a Medal of

Honor by Gunnery Sgt. Charles Hoffman.

But valor was so common that it was difficult to distinguish individual acts.

Sgt. Joseph G. Stites, who was one of the mustard gas victims of the Sixth Marines, later recalled: “There was no special bravery that I know of by special men except that they did their duty—to the limit of their endurance.”

Four future commandants of the Marine Corps fought at Belleau Wood: Wendell C. Neville (1929-30); Thomas Holcomb (1936-43); Clifton B. Cates (1948-51) and Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr. (1952-55).

In his introduction to a history of the U.S. Marines, Walter A. Dyer reported:

“When the history of the Great War is written, it will be no easy task to assign to each of the titanic battles its proper place on the scale of importance, but if justice is done, the Battle of Belleau Wood will take its place beside that of Thermopylae and other crucial battles in world history.

“Here were a handful of determined, devoted men, as numbers are reckoned today, who turned the awful tide and there were soldiers and Marines of the United States of America . . . The Marines were called upon to do the impossible, and because there is no such word in their code, they did it. They left in that wood some of the best blood of America, but, outnumbered and inexperienced as they were, they fought the last fight to a finish and stopped the Hun.”

Military historians attribute the success at Belleau Wood to the superior marksmanship of the American Marines and soldiers.

Without a doubt the German soldier was the best trained and disciplined in the world, and a soldier's training marks an upward stride towards victory over defeat.

Maj. Gen. James G. Harbord, commander of the 2nd Division, noted in his report on the Battle of Belleau Wood that the German soldier also was among the poorest marksman, adding:

“I doubt if our boys would ever have been able to take those machine guns of Belleau Wood if they had not picked off four or five Germans with their rifles for every American who fell.”

And Americans fell at Belleau Wood and all other battles fought by the AEF during WWI.

The 2nd Division suffered more casualties—22,320—than any other American division. The 2nd had 4,478 battle deaths and 17,752 during 66 days of combat. During its time at the front, the 2nd received 35,353 replacements, attesting to the intensity of the battles fought. The 4th Marine Brigade suffered more than 8,000 casualties at Belleau Wood alone.

The Battle of Belleau Wood blunted the German drive toward Paris, and the Allies, with the large infusion of American fighting troops, turned the tide and pushed the Germans back.

During this critical period, American attention focused on the 2nd Division and, in particular, its Marine Brigade. In part, this was due to the General Headquarters (GHQ) policy which would not permit newsmen to designate units, branches of the Army, or even regulars, but reporters were allowed to mention the Marines.

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German prisoners captured near Belleau Wood by the U.S. Marines are herded back to 2nd Division Headquarters

Castles In America...

There is no need to travel in distant lands to find reminders of those bygone days when knighthood was in flower.

PHOTOS BY WALTER OLEKSY



By WALTER OLEKSY

TURRETS and battlements, moats and drawbridges, spires and gargoyles, knights in armor and damsels in distress

We're in Europe, castle-touring on the Rhine or in the Loire Valley, right?

Wrong. We're in America, castle-touring in New York, Florida, Connecticut, North Dakota and California.

Soldiers, immigrants, pioneers, businessmen often had the same dream—to become so rich they could build a castle like those in Europe, and live like a king. Most were virtually penniless, but through hard work and taking advantage of opportunities they amassed great fortunes. When they had everything else they ever wanted, they remembered their youthful dreams.

Many of these castles, built in the last 150 years, still stand. Now maintained as museums, they are open to the public for a small admission charge. Guides tell their intriguing stories.

One castle recaptures a boyhood fascination with fortresses along the Rhine. Another is the result of a powerful man's dream of creating a glorious "shrine of beauty." Some are mystery castles in deserts or mountains. All are beautiful but melancholy monuments built for pleasure or to woo a beautiful young lady.

One of the most magnificent of the castles in America was built in 1838 for Gen. William Paulding, who served in the war of 1812 and later became mayor of New York City. He called his castle Lyndhurst, and had it built to resemble a baronial fortress of the Gothic Revival period. It has towers, turrets, archways, armories and airholes, peaked windows and pinnaced roofs, vaulted ceilings and parquet floors.

Standing on manicured grounds above the Hudson River at Tarrytown, NY, Lyndhurst is considered by architectural historians to be one of the great houses of America, uniting in its walls the beginning and culmination of Hudson River Gothic.

Lyndhurst passed from Paulding to George Merritt, a New York merchant, in 1864. He added one of the world's largest private greenhouses to the estate. After Merritt's death in 1873, Lyndhurst became the summer home of Jay Gould, the



In building Biltmore, millionaire George W. Vanderbilt wanted a castle that would be the finest country home in America. It graces 125,000 acres of North Carolina woodland, has 250 rooms

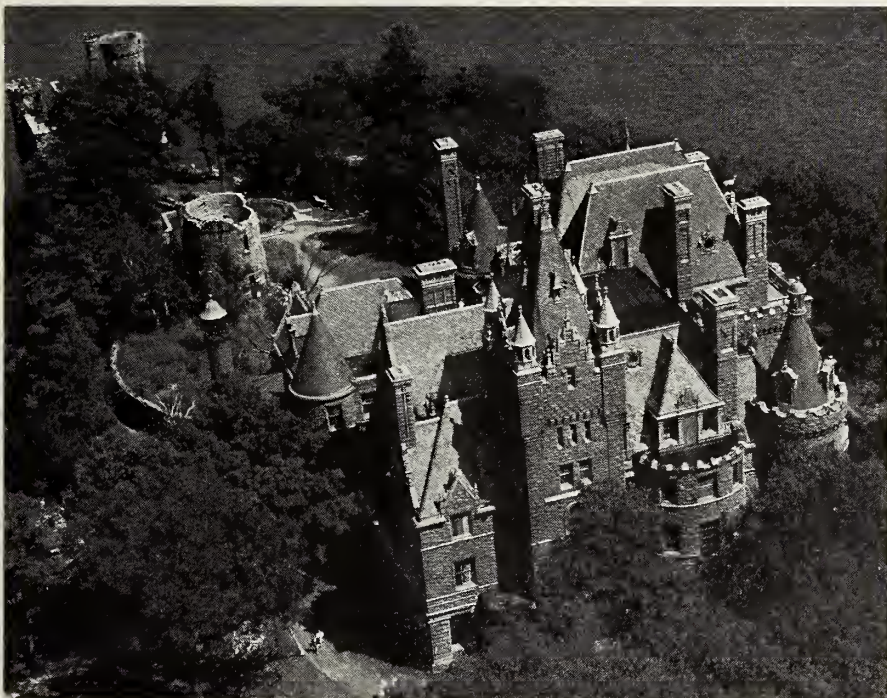
tycoon who began as a country store clerk and became a railroad giant and financial wizard. Now it is a National Trust Historic House, owned and maintained for the public.

During World War II, Lyndhurst's doors were opened to more than 1,000 American servicemen who were entertained there.

Two other men of high military rank built castles in Ohio after serv-

ing in the Civil War. Gen. Abram Saunders Piatt, who had served with the Union Army and later served in the Mexican War, built a French fortified castle at West Liberty, OH, in 1864. Some member of the Piatt family was in military service from the French and Indian War through the Korean War. Family relics from these wars are on display at Castle

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Boldt Castle occupies one of the Thousand Islands in the St. Lawrence. Its tragic tale has been told to many tourists

◀ Reminiscent of Camelot is Hammond Castle on the coast of Maine close to the Reef of Norman's Woe

Veterans Newsletter



CARTER SIGNS MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY EXTENSION MEASURE... President Carter recently signed into law legislation extending American Legion membership eligibility dates for Vietnam era veterans to May 7, 1975, satisfying the requirements of a resolution passed by the 1977 National Convention... The new eligibility dates, August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975, coincide with VA eligibility criteria for Vietnam era vets to qualify for veterans' benefits... Because the Legion is chartered by Congress, legislation was required to alter dates of eligibility.

VIETNAM VET NAMED TO HEAD VA CHAPLAIN SERVICE... Rev. Corbin L. Cherry, 40, has been named to fill the head chaplain's post for the VA's hospital system... A native of Norfolk, VA, Cherry is the first combat wounded veteran to serve in that position... The former Army Chaplain lost a leg in the fighting in Southeast Asia... In announcing the Rev. Cherry's appointment, VA Administrator Max Cleland said, "I can think of no one better qualified to counsel and inspire our hospitalized veterans than Corbin Cherry. He will provide inspiration to our patients as well as to the dedicated chaplains who serve them."... Chaplain Cherry's military decorations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star, 3 Air Medals, 2 Purple Hearts, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry... Cherry will take over the VA Chaplain Service which consists of more than 900 ministers, priests and rabbis providing 24-hour coverage in the VA's nationwide hospital network... Cherry succeeds the retiring Chaplain James E. Rogers.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF... AF Gen. David C. Jones became the new Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington ceremonies... Jones relieves retiring AF Gen. George S. Brown who was serving his second term as CJCS... The new Chair-

...His last assignment was Chief of Staff, USAF.

BOOKS ON AMERICAN EAGLES OF WWII DUE SOON... Col. Reade Tilley, USAF (Rt), President of the Eagle Squadron Association, made up of American heroes in the RAF, announced that contracts had been signed with a U.S. publisher to produce a complete history of the American Eagle Squadrons... Some 300 U.S. pilots, flying Hurricanes and Spitfires, aided Britain's air defenses during the period from 1940 to 42... While other units such as the Flying Tigers operating in Asia during WWII, and the Lafayette Escadrille in WWI have been celebrated in books, this will be the first factual history of Americans who flew for the RAF in the Battle of Britain.

WWI VET FINALLY GETS HIS PURPLE HEART... Elmer F. Roden of Ontario, CA wrote in January to Washington to ask why he never got the Purple Heart he earned suffering shrapnel wounds on October 14, 1918 in the Argonne Forest . . . Late in June back came the medal... Roden feels it must be some sort of a record... It only took him 69 years, 8 months and 13 days to receive his Purple Heart... Any challengers?

NAVY GETS READY FOR WOMEN AT SEA... The Navy has unveiled plans calling for assigning more than 400 women to 5 Navy ships once an amendment rescinding the constitutional ban on women at sea receives congressional approval... 55 female officers and 375 Navy enlisted women will receive assignments to the 5 selected vessels including a submarine tender, destroyer tender, repair ship, research vessel, and a "miscellaneous" ship... Further impetus was given the move to amend the constitution when Federal Judge John Sirica ruled that the section of the U.S. Code which prohibits the Navy from placing women on other than hospital ships and other non-combatants was unconstitutional... Judge Sirica maintained in his decision that the assigning of personnel to Navy ships was the Navy's problem, not Congress'.

SENATE KILLS REVIVAL OF SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION... Efforts to revive Selective Service registration for 18-year-olds have been rejected by the Senate... Sen. Robert Morgan (D-NC) had sought to add \$10 million to the Selective Service System's fiscal 1979 appropriation to finance registration, but it was voted down 71 to 16... The Senate did vote to add \$2.5 million in the appropriation to improve the agency's ability to mobilize forces.



AF Gen D. C. Jones



AF Gen G. S. Brown (ret)

man is a veteran of WW 2 and Korean action and commanded the 7th Air Force in Vietnam



CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

News in Brief from the 60th National Convention, Aug. 18-24

It was hot and humid in New Orleans for the duration of the National Convention but an estimated 25,000 Legionnaires and their families did not seem to mind. They crowded into the French Quarter, filled the city's famed restaurants, and emptied store shelves of the delicacies for which the Crescent City is famous. They went sightseeing in horse-drawn carriages, on Mississippi boats, by bus and on foot. Thousands headed for Dixieland jazz emporiums, others watched sports in the Superdome, and still others visited the old churches and historic places. Further diversion was provided by an hours'-long Legion parade and a musical spectacular staged in the famed Louisiana Superdome.



One of the first *unofficial* actions taken by newly elected National Commander John M. Carey is shown here. Invited to ride a horse which had just come across the trails of Texas, the Commander gamely swung aboard. The horse, Hoosier, is owned by Carol Carley, a resident of Cleveland, TX, who goes in for lengthy horseback rides that have attracted national attention. On this occasion he had made a trip from Houston with a letter from the Mayor of that city welcoming Commander Carey and all other Legionnaires to that city for the 61st National Convention to be held there next year.



The traditional Memorial and Patriotic Service was held Sunday, August 20, at the Hyatt Regency.



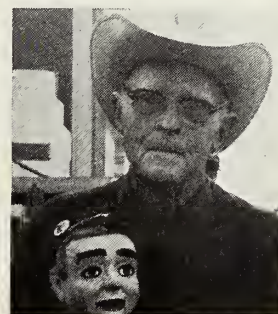
Cartoonist Milton Caniff, who with Morton Walker received American Legion "Fourth Estate" awards; got a warm hand from aficionados of "Terry and the Pirates." However, the cartoonist received an unexpected surprise when he met the man who had been the model for Terry of his cartoon strip "Terry and the Pirates." The former model is now National Judge Advocate of The American Legion and the publisher of this magazine, Bertram G. Davis.



There was a bit of romance at the convention when Alex Geiger, chairman of the Resolutions Assignments Committee, and Helen Smith, of Cayce, SC, were married.

National Commander Robert Charles Smith's banquet for distinguished guests was probably the biggest ever, with an estimated 2,000 filling what seemed to be acres of ballroom space. A high spot of the gathering was Dixieland jazz provided by the great New Orleans clarinetist, Pete Fountain, and his group.

Testifying to the healthfulness of marching in American Legion parades, Roy Hunt, of Terrell, TX, has engaged in this exercise 18 times over the years. Now 85 years young he looks as youthful as his faithful marching companion, Bad Boy Tommy.



REPORT FROM NEW ORLEANS

**60th National Convention
August 18--August 24**



THE AMERICAN LEGION, in its 60th national convention in New Orleans, has reaffirmed its commitment to a stronger national defense, called for an immediate national energy policy and vowed a continuing all-out effort to protect veterans ben-



Gen. Bernard W. Rogers, Army Chief of Staff, outlined the military goals of his forces during New Orleans convention

efits and to reduce unemployment among veterans.

As the Legion moved into a new year with the election of John M. Carey of Michigan as National Commander succeeding Robert Charles Smith of Louisiana, the world's largest veterans organization displayed no slackening of its vigor and determination to pursue the goals that it feels best for all Americans.

Confronted with a heavy business schedule, the convention considered

more than 500 resolutions and among those adopted were:

- A call to Congress to override President Carter's veto of the \$36 billion military weapons procurement authorization legislation.
- A call for an immediate national energy policy.
- A demand for the continuance of the Veterans Administration as an independent agency concerned with the maintenance of medical care, educational and other federal benefits for veterans.
- Support of a pension for World War I veterans.

The adopted resolutions will serve as a mandate for the Legion's course for 1978-79.

Upwards of 25,000 Legionnaires, Auxiliary members and their families converged on the Crescent City by the Mississippi River for one of the most important and most successful conventions in the Legion's history.

Topflight Americans accepted invitations to speak to and discuss with Legionnaires issues of national and international importance.

Among them were Defense Secretary Harold Brown, Sen. Alan Cranston (D-CA), Veterans Administrator Max Cleland, Ret. Maj. Gen. John K. Singlaub, Rep. Ray Roberts (D-TX), Rep. Eldon Rudd (R-AZ), Rep. Philip Crane (R-IL), the only announced 1980 Presidential candidate, AMA President Tom E. Nesbitt, M.D., U.S. Army Chief of Staff



Defense Secretary Harold Brown was one of the key speakers at the Legion convention in New Orleans



General Singlaub makes a point during his remarks before the National Security Commission during the convention



There was much work accomplished during the successful convention in New Orleans as this group listens to one of the many speakers

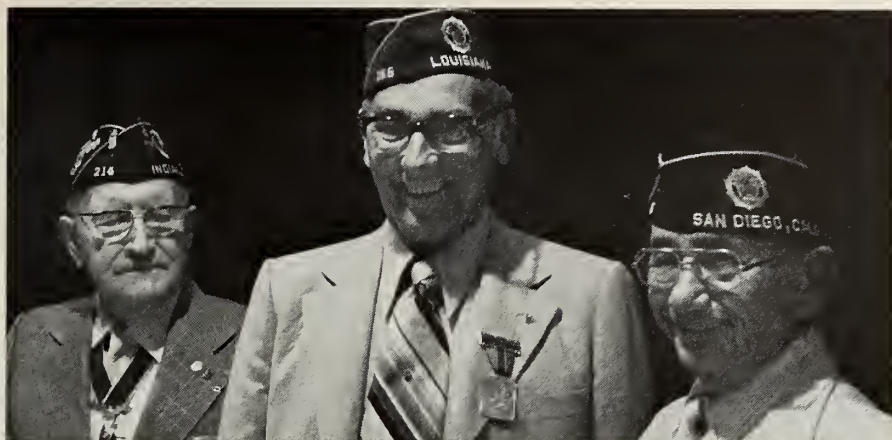


Rep. Philip Crane (R-IL) was one of the principal speakers during convention

Gen. Bernard W. Rogers and Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn.

Outgoing National Cdr. Smith set the tone for the convention at a news conference in which he reviewed the accomplishments of the Legion during the last year, particularly the fight against weakening the Veterans' Preference Act, and urged all Legionnaires and their families to become involved in the forthcoming mid-term elections by knowing the candidates and the positions they take on critical issues confronting the American people today.

The convention zeroed in on national defense, resisting any effort to diminish the nation's military strength.



Founders Society elected Charles H. Titus (left) president for 1978-79, succeeding Harry Foster of San Diego, CA (right). Outgoing National Cdr. Robert Charles Smith (center) enjoys a moment at the convention with them



In photo left James F. O'Neil (left) receives congratulations from outgoing National Cdr. Robert Charles Smith on being named publisher emeritus of The American Legion Magazine while Magazine Commission Chairman Milford A. Forrester (center) holds plaque honoring O'Neil for his



distinguished service to the Legion. Photo at right shows Fourth Estate Award Winners Morton Walker (left), creator of the cartoon, "Beatle Bailey," and Milton Caniff, creator of "Steve Canyon"

For example, while General Singlaub and others deplored the decline in American military strength, Secretary Brown insisted that the United States was the most powerful nation in the world.

Singlaub, who was forced to retire from the Army after criticizing Carter administration policies, particularly troop withdrawal from South Korea, warned that the Soviet Union would win the next direct confrontation with the United States on sheer military superiority if the nation continues its current defense policies.

He charged that the United States has been unilaterally disarming for the last 15 years without the American people being told about it by decision makers in the last four administrations.

Singlaub further charged that this gradual disarmament to please and appease the USSR has been carried out behind "a diplomatic disguise labeled 'detente'."

Brown countered by telling the convention delegates that the United

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Shown, left to right, are outgoing National Cdr. Robert Charles Smith, Walter Haimann, president of Seagrams, National Adjutant Frank C. Momsen and Dan O'Sullivan, national sales manager for Seagrams

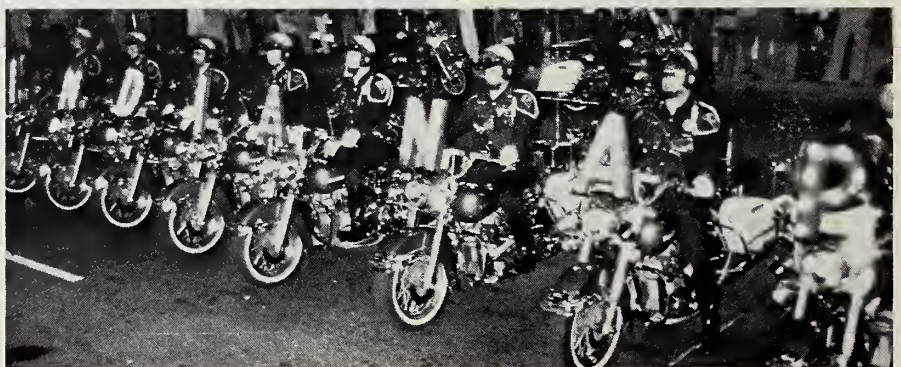


Retired Publisher James F. O'Neil of The American Legion Magazine speaks during a luncheon meeting during convention at New Orleans

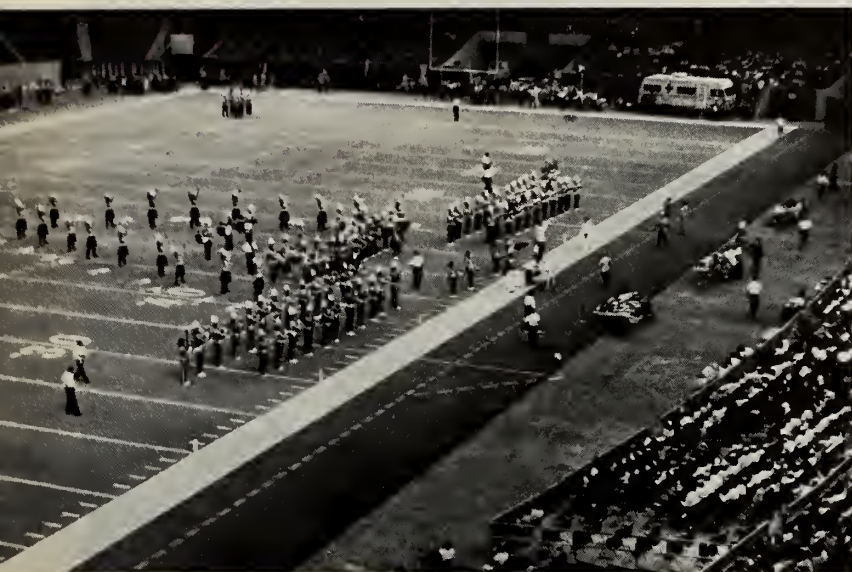
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CROWD PLEASERS

*The Big Parade and the
Musical Spectacular were
the main attractions*



Competing units from over the country performed at the Superdome



The Long Island Kingsmen of Kings Park, NY, won top honors in the Junior Drum & Bugle Corps competition



This intricate maneuver scored for the winning Westshorem of Linglestown, PA, in the Senior class



The mammoth Superdome was an appropriate setting for the Musical Spectacular presented on August 20



Thousands of spectators crowded into the huge arena to see the pageantry provided by Legion champions

The Winners

Senior Drum and Bugle Corps

Westshorem, Inc., Post 272, Linglestown, Pa.

Junior Drum and Bugle Corps

Long Island Kingsmen, Post 944, Kings Park, N.Y.

Junior Drill Team

Buccaneers, Post 1, Milwaukee, Wis.

Senior Drill Team

Diplomats, Post 180, Milwaukie, Ore.

Firing Squad

Berryhill Post Firing Squad, Post 165, Midland, Mich.

Senior Color Guard

Buccaneers, Post 1, Milwaukee, Wis.

Senior Band

Joliet American Legion Band, Post 1284, Joliet, Ill.

Chorus

Singing Legionnaires, Post 15, Sioux Falls, S.D.

Quartet

Happy Warriors, Post 217, Sidney, Ohio



Nate Ward of the Westshorem received a well-earned trophy from Daniel R. O'Sullivan



The drawing for the two Ford cars offered by the Seagram Posts was another high point of the Spectacular



Victorious John M. "Jack" Carey greets the delegates who just elected him

THE LEGION'S NEW LEADERS



The new team. The National Commander and the Vice Commanders elected with him. Names below



Commander Carey with Auxiliary President Maxine Bigelow at left. His wife Millie is on the right



Led by a jazz band, Carey supporters sounded off for their candidate

In their last major official action on August 24, Legion convention delegates elected John M. Carey National Commander for the 1978-1979 year. (A biography of the new Commander appears on page 8; together with excerpts from the acceptance speech he delivered.)

The following National Vice Commanders were unanimously elected: L. Max Connolly, Tempe, AZ; Alvin F. Grauerholz, Coffeyville, KS; Joseph F. Ward, Secaucus, NJ; John H. Weinand, Fairhope, AL; Nathan M. Wolfe, North Augusta, SC.

REPORT FROM AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The American Legion Auxiliary has elected Maxine (Mrs. Earl) Bigalow of Medford, OR as National President for the 1978-79 year during its 58th National Convention held in conjunction with The American Legion 60th National Convention in New Orleans, LA.

She succeeds Mrs. Alvin Moltzen of North Dakota, who presided over the Auxiliary convention and guided the organization through another banner year.

A member of Auxiliary Unit 15 in Medford, the new President has served in all major Unit offices and chairmanships, and has played a significant role in Department programs. She was Department President in 1960-61 and was National Vice President during the past year.

Mrs. Bigalow is the third Oregonian to be elected National President of the Auxiliary. The others were Laura Goode, 1948-49, and Ce Gunn, 1958-59.

Also elected during convention were Agnes Kennedy of Brooklyn, NY, National Vice President; Gladys Healy of Homer, LA, National Chaplain; and Jean Owens, Coon Rapids, IA, National Historian.

Auxiliary delegates picked 5 new divisional Vice Presidents: Ethel Huggard of Lake Hopatoong, NJ being elected to the Eastern Division position; Vanita Brower, Savannah, GA, Southern Division; Mary Pisciotta of Raytown, MO, Central Division; Janice Franklin of Sterling, CO, Northwestern Division; and Gladys Lee, Honolulu, HI, Western Division.

The Auxiliary's nearly 3,000 delegates and alternates swelled to more than 25,000 the number of Legion visitors to the Crescent City for Convention week.

The theme of this year's Auxiliary National Convention was "Saluting the Interest of Women" and con-



Top, retiring Auxiliary President Mrs. Alvin (Vi) Moltzen, left, introduces her successor, Nat'l Pres. Maxine Bigalow to the convention. Above left, Convention Keynote Speaker, U.S. Sen. Maryon Pittman Allen (D-AL). Above right, 1978 Girls Nation President Barbara Neligan addresses delegates. Below, National Officers are sworn in at convention: left to right, Nat'l Historian Jean Owens, Nat'l Chaplain Gladys Healy, Western Div. VP Gladys Lee, Southern Div. VP Vanita Brower, N'West Div. VP Jan Franklin, Eastern Div. VP Ethel Huggard, Central Div. VP Mary Pisciotta, and Nat'l VP Agnes Kennedy

vention keynote speaker U.S. Senator Maryon Pittman Allen (D-AL) opened the proceedings with an address titled, "What Lies Ahead for Our Country." The delegates also heard talks by TV personality Art Linkletter, Hazel Rollins, Deputy

Administrator of the Economic Regulatory Administration, and Don Thoren, a consultant in management, sales and personnel practices.

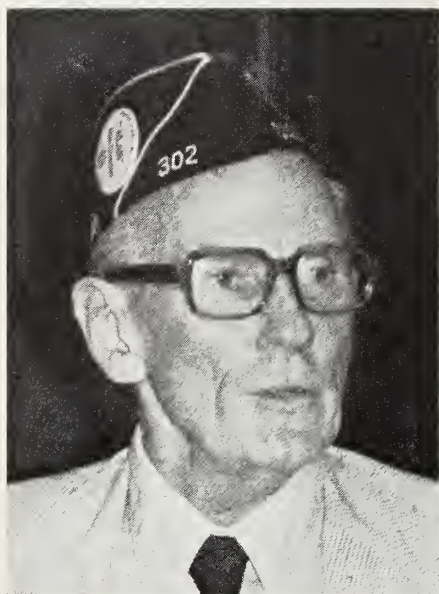
In a special presentation, award-winning television and motion picture

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What They Said To the Legion

Cdr. Robert Charles Smith

The Legion's record of service is a remarkable one, "many organizations do not endure that long, let alone retain their effectiveness. . . . If we are to retain the effectiveness of The American Legion where it counts, in our home communities and in the halls of Congress and the state legislatures, in the programs which we provide for the youth of America, in our efforts on behalf of America's veterans, and in all the great programs we have carried out so well for so long, we absolutely



Sen. Cranston

must have the membership strength to do the job."

Maj. Gen. John Singlaub, USA Ret.

The nation must harness its will to meet U.S. defense needs. The U.S.S.R. has repeated over and over that it is devoted to a communist world government. The men in the Kremlin are not "born again" Christians, but "born again" communists and the United States must advocate, sell and if necessary fight to protect the system of government it has and wants. Under the guise of detente, the United States has been engaged in unilateral disarmament for about 15 years and we are being told that we must be willing to take some risks to accomplish a policy that supposedly we, the Soviets and the Chinese are engaged in, but which in fact only we are carrying out. At present the Soviets have both quantitative and qualitative superiority in certain areas of defense and while our defense inventories are going down,

those of the U.S.S.R. and China are going up. In addition, the U.S.S.R. outnumbers us two to one in military personnel.

Donald W. Moore, Jr., Asst. Director, FBI, Criminal Investigation Div.

U.S. law enforcement agencies should not have to divulge their information sources and the Freedom of Information Act has been devastating to the work of law enforcement agencies. Compliance with the act has thus far cost the FBI \$4 million this year alone and such costs are becoming ever more prohibitive. The FBI with its limited manpower resources would not be able to do the job it does in protecting the nation if it did not have the cooperation and support of the citizenry. Referring to the three FBI directors who have been indicted in recent years, Moore said the FBI would welcome a charter which would give future FBI chiefs some guidelines for their actions. Law enforcement is the bulwark of society. Without it we would have anarchy and would no longer be a free society. Whenever possible police strikes should be avoided, for the results of such strikes could prove devastating. **Maj. Patricia A. Hanges**, Officer-in-Charge, Baltimore County Police Dept., Md., Youth and Police Community Relations Bureau.

Too few of the public are aware of the outstanding work done by Legionnaires in such areas as child protection. Legionnaires have given great support over the years, both financially and otherwise, to help her carry on her work treating abused and delinquent children. Her pro-



Donald Moore, Jr.

gram seeks to develop understanding among parents, children and police through training programs and counseling, and has had an amazing degree of success, with only a 9 percent fail rate among the children treated.

Ed Butler, host and executive producer of TV's "Spirit Us."

Declared that the Panama Canal giveaway must be stopped, and called upon the Legion to tell its story on the Canal to the media. He cited a



Maj. Hanges

poll, taken for his program, on the Canal giveaway which showed 14,814 against the Canal treaties, 393 for them. Butler also challenged the accusation that the United States is a colonialist nation, stating that not we but the U.S.S.R. is colonialist.

Dr. Tom E. Nesbitt, President of AMA.

Referring to the rising costs of health care, Dr. Nesbitt pointed out that "there is ample evidence that in many fields the federal government is the worst spendthrift. . . the HEW waste of more than \$5 billion a year acknowledged by Secretary Califano suggests what the government is likely to foster in the name of efficiency.

"We must do our utmost to sustain the private focus of medical practice and insurance and the quality of patient care. We must resist any form of national health service for it would be fiscally and administratively overweight but medically underweight," he added.

Rep. Eldon Rudd

Terrorism is one of the plagues of today's society, it is the "new war" benefiting communism. Rudd, a

At the New Orleans Convention

member of Post 21, Sholow, AZ, said "America's future hangs in the balance...we must stamp out terrorism today. Tomorrow will be too late."

Dr. John F. Blake, deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency for administration.

Intelligence is critical to the formulation of the nation's foreign policy and national security.

Dr. Herbert G. Rose, president of the National Association of Veterans Administration Physicians.

VA physicians group is giving full support to the Legion in its campaign to retain the independence of the VA hospital system. It would cost the taxpayers more to take all the veterans served by the VA system and put them into other hospitals.

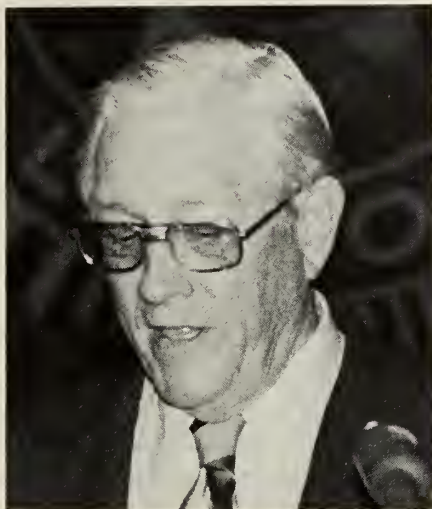
Sen. Alan Cranston

Veterans are engaged in a tough struggle for VA system, to keep it a durable, independent agency and to maintain the separate status of its health-care system...Need to help VA find innovative ways to support vets health system...The National Academy of Sciences study generated much controversy but it was the most comprehensive review ever undertaken of the VA health care program...If report brings about improvement and better medical care for veterans, then controversy was well worth it...Seeks to keep VA pensions from falling below poverty guidelines...The new pension program would guarantee comparable



Dr. Nesbitt

pension increases each time there is a cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits...Wholly supports



Rep. Roberts

giving veterans preference for Civil Service jobs. Hopes to strengthen, not weaken, certain aspects of vets preference, and is introducing an amendment to strengthen several provisions for disabled vets. Will work to see that Congress does not turn its back on those to whom it turns in time of war.

On Children and Youth—My interest in adoption was sparked by my desire to promote constructive alternatives to abortion...Some areas relating to children that I intend to work on in the next several years—first, child-care programs; second, abuse of children in institutions...I look forward to working with (the Legion) as we move forward in our efforts to protect our most valuable national resource—our children.

Max Cleland, VA Administrator

VA medicine seeks to give medical care but also personal care, a combination of quality of care and quality of life...One-third of those receiving VA pensions live below poverty level...VA could not run its hospital system without people like Legionnaires. Volunteer hours given by Legionnaires help the 72,000 vets in hospitals, and the 10 million volunteer hours given save the VA between \$40 and \$50 million annually.

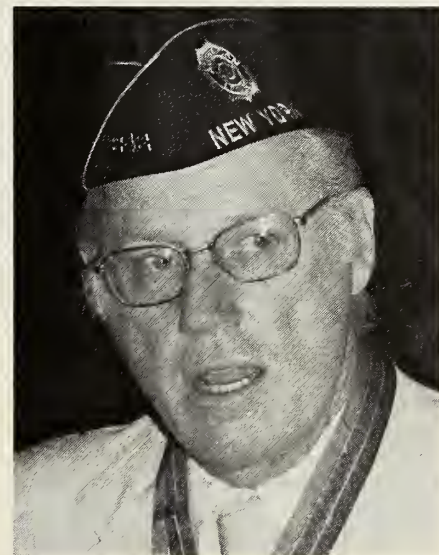
Rep. Philip Crane, Ill.

The United States has held to a policy of balancing off China and U.S.S.R. but in the process has given up ambition to contain and control communism...Our nation needs to build a two-ocean Navy...We must make certain that we never ask our people to risk their lives in a war unless we intend to win...Blanket

amnesty is a misguided act of compassion...All agreements with U.S.S.R. should be mutually self-enforcing...We must exert and enforce controls on aggressive nations and can use economic leverage to do so...We must not substitute hope for strength, must be a strong nation to be a secure one...We'll have a serious defense imbalance by 1985 unless we turn our defense policies around...Our enemies would wipe out the United States by a civilian attack just as readily as with a military one if that were the only way to win out over us...United States as a nation meets many of the needs of the world in hope and help and hopefully will continue to do so.

Dr. Rosalyn S. Yalow, Sr. Medical Investigator and Nobel Prize Winner.

The Veterans Administration hospital system needs a shakeup...veterans want first class medical care, hospitals themselves are just empty buildings, veterans are concerned about the medical care that goes with them...Can't go on asking for monies, but must optimize funds available for best care...Great funding generally does not result in scientific breakthroughs...Research must be done first, then when breakthrough has been made, great fund-



Bowie Kuhn

ing expedites delivery system to public.

Bowie K. Kuhn, Commissioner of Baseball

There is a tremendous shared experience between Legion and baseball that goes beyond the development of players...Sports develop a



Outgoing National Cdr. Robert Charles Smith (center) shares a moment with Fred Livingstone (left) and Frank Specht (right) during the Schenley reception at the New Orleans convention. Livingstone and Specht, Washington representative for Schenley, are members of Post 12, in Washington, D.C.

competitive spirit and quality of courage in youth and thus help in achieving peace through strength. . . . Baseball itself is under economic and labor stress, but otherwise is at its strongest point in history. . . . once again baseball is the national game. . . . Of players who appeared in 1977 on major league rosters, 55 percent were from Legion programs. . . . I pull for players of today to beat records of past days in baseball. . . . The game is better marketed today than it was before.

Sec'y of Defense Harold Brown

We are working to assure our military security—both by building a balanced and fully adequate armed forces of the kind we need, and by seeking arms control agreements consistent with the interests of this country. . . . The first duty of government is defense. . . . without a sufficient defense, none of our liberties is secure. . . . We have the strongest Navy in the world, and we intend to keep it that way. . . . No SALT agreement will be signed unless it is in the interest of the United States to sign it. . . . that means particularly that it must not undermine our military security. . . . Real readiness to fight is the most effective counter to the Soviet military threat. Our resources must be spent to assure effectiveness for the kinds of conflicts that are most likely now and in the foreseeable future. . . . Today we do not have the luxury of time, and combat-readiness and quick response are what we need.

Gen. Bernard W. Rogers, Chief of Staff, USA

The Joint Chiefs of Staff fully concur in emphasis on combat readiness. . . . Quality is an extraordinarily elusive concept and peacetime measurements of wartime effectiveness must always be indirect. . . . Our soldiers today reflect the strengths and weaknesses of our society. . . . Our Army today faces many challenges . . . not the least of these is taking what our nation gives us—in the

1978-79 Resolutions

Following are the resolutions approved during the 60th annual American Legion convention in New Orleans:

AMERICANISM:

Daniel J. O'Connor, Chmn, NY

- 445. Supports FBI's surveillance and reporting on subversives.
- 498. Opposes any plan to stop the decoration of individual graves in any national cemetery.
- 520. Supports the provisions of the Amateur Sports Act of 1978.
- 13. Seeks to prohibit the production and dissemination of blasphemous movies.
- 52. Urges Congress to enact legislation providing for National Patriotism Week.
- 63. Condemns publicly and unequivocally the American Nazis and all they stand for.
- 194. Reaffirms support for voluntary prayer in public buildings.
- 231. Deplores lack of loyalty-security requirements for employment by the federal government.
- 394. Seeks to amend Constitution to remove power of President to grant a pardon to a person for a criminal offense against the United States for which such person has not been convicted.
- 427. Opposes any and all attempts to change the National Anthem.
- 444. Reaffirms American Legion support of the CIA and the FBI.
- 51. Seeks to re-establish House and Senate committees on internal security.
- 96. Calls on Congress to restore Memorial Day on May 30.
- 9. Seeks to allow Filipino veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces to immigrate to the United States.
- 49. Urges adoption of legislation providing penalties for employers hiring illegal aliens, among other things relating to illegals.
- 50. Seeks to strengthen Legion support of the FBI.
- 195. Opposes any effort or attempt to remove the name of "God" from the Pledge of Allegiance and from the face of national coinage.

ECONOMICS

Al Keller, Chmn, IL

- 15. Opposes any weakening of the Veterans Preference Act of 1944.
- 282. Opposes any change in the "rule of three" federal employment.
- 279. Supports sufficient funds and accountability thereof for the employment services to veterans.
- 33. Seeks to eliminate existing obstacles to veterans' preference in programs of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.
- 109. Requests Department of Labor directives on assignments of local veterans employment representatives.

way of material resources and in young men and women—and fashioning a proud Army. . . .

Rep. Ray Roberts, TX

It does little good to pass increases in veterans pensions, compensation payments and medical benefits when the value of the dollar goes down due to inflation. We must stabilize the economy and bring this crippling inflation under control. We must once again create the kind of conditions that permit us to plan for the future. . . . Congress has been trying its best to trim the budget this year and. . . I'm all for that—but not at the expense of America's veterans. . . . It's not news to you that the popularity of veterans fades as wars become more distant. That's why we are in another battle right now—the proposal to limit veterans preference in federal employment. It is a direct slap at Vietnam veterans. Every legitimate veterans organization opposes it.

- 158. Seeks to amend definition of "eligible veterans" in legislation for "affirmative action."
- 167. Seeks to sponsor legislation to reduce the numbers of categories of veterans in public employment services.
- 168. Seeks adequate funds for services to disabled and older veterans.
- 235. Supports continuation of the disabled veterans out-reach program.
- 284. Provides for American Legion members to serve on planning councils for CETA.
- 339. Sponsors and supports legislation amending the law as it pertains to the definition of "eligible veteran."
- 341. Supports the Legion "Jobs for Veterans" program.
- 343. Seeks establishment of assistant secretary of labor for veterans employment.
- 345. Supports legislation asking that state employment offices be responsible for certification and referral of applicants to programs under CETA.
- 347. Opposes legislation to transfer veterans employment programs to Veterans Administration.
- 349. Opposes legislation to consolidate employment service with the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.
- 430. Requests Department of Labor to direct states to establish annual plan of service for employment services to veterans.
- 432. Seeks to re-establish the position of director of Veterans Employment Service within the Department of Labor.
- 433. Supports legislation to allow military retirees to receive full unemployment compensation benefits when based on post-military employment.
- 521. Seeks to strengthen programs for affirmative action by federal contractors for disabled veterans.
- 533. Seeks legislation to designate second full week in March as "National Employ the Older Worker Week."
- 19. Opposes any transfer of the G.I. loan program from the Veterans Administration.
- 532. Supports holding a White House conference on aging.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

James P. Dean, Chmn, MS

- 131. Urges Defense Department to withhold obsolete M-1 Army rifles and blank ammunition and make them available for color guards and other ceremonial teams.
- 327. Urges posthumous honor for General "Chappie" James.
- 205. Supports Wadsworth committee's five-point interfaith program.
- 130. Upholds U.S. right to name landmarks.
- 123. Seeks interment of an unknown soldier from the Vietnam war in the Arlington National Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.
- 5. Reaffirms the energy policy of The American Legion.
- 14. Urges that Congress give preference to enacting an energy policy over all other legislation.
- 85. Favors conservation of energy and development of new and traditional sources of energy within the nation.
- 200. Pledges Legion cooperation to educate the American public on national energy needs.
- 251. Commits Legion to continue to develop information and to encourage public forums to better inform its members and fellow citizens on energy matters.
- 353. Urges Congress and the President to cooperate in developing a national energy policy.
- 19. Urges priority be given to achieving energy independence.
- 514. Urges adoption and support of a national organ donor registration program.
- 515. Supports Lake Placid, NY as site for 1980 Winter Olympic games.
- 516. Expresses appreciation to city of New Orleans and Louisiana department for hosting 60th national convention.
- 473. Seeks creation of Legion convention committee on law and order.
- 518. Urges every effort be made to encourage membership of The American Legion to vote in the November 7, 1978, election.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Dr. Robert P. Foster, Chmn, MO

- 73. Calls on President and Congress to exert the same political and economic pressures against communist governments on behalf of human right as has been done against non-communist governments.
- 481. Protests communist aggression.
- 296. Urges President and Congress to abandon amoral "Spheres of Interest" policy and adopt "Self Determination" as the centerpiece of U.S. foreign policy.
- 100. Opposes all forms of international and trans-national terrorism.
- 290. Urges Administration to develop forthwith

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Report From New Orleans

States outstrips the Soviet Union in economic strength and productivity, political stability and cohesion, technological skills, international policies and national will.

But he conceded that Soviet military strength rivals that of the United States.

Brown added that the United States would not sign a SALT II agreement that prevented the ultimate establishment of a mobile missile system by this country.

The Carter administration later described Brown's address to the Legion as a direct message to the Soviet Union.

There were awards galore during the convention, as follows:

Distinguished Service: Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn.

Fourth Estate: Milton Caniff, creator of "Steve Canyon" and Morton Walker, creator of "Beetle Bailey."

Hearst Americanism Trophy: Department of Maine, accepted by John Tracy, immediate past department commander.

Excellence for Objective Writing: Edgar A. Poe, Washington correspondent for the New Orleans Times-Picayune.

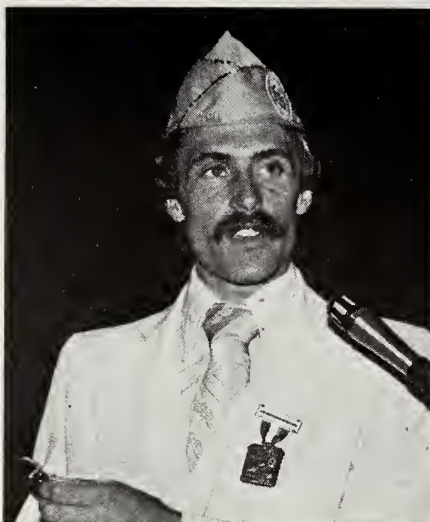
Employers of the Year for Hiring Veterans: W. T. Johnson, director of employe relations and safety, the Dolese Company, Oklahoma City, OK, and George Ertel, general manager, Blackmon Oil Company, Inc., Columbus, GA.

Despite the heavy convention schedule, delegates and visitors had time for fun and frolic on Bourbon street in the French Quarter and to partake of New Orleans' gourmet bill-o-fare.

The Musical Spectacular was as



T. Y. Chao, chairman Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen, Republic of China, presents honor to outgoing National Cdr. Robert Charles Smith during the convention

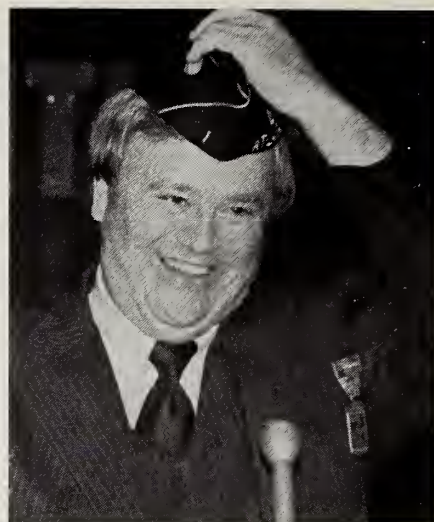


Richard Kepler, Florida, is new national commander of the Sons of The American Legion, succeeding John Sherrard

fabulous as the Superdome in which it was held before a crowd of more than 10,000.

The Westshoremens, Inc., of Post 272, Linglestown, PA are the 1978 American Legion Senior Drum and Bugle Corps national champions and the Long Island Kingsmen of Post 944, Kings Park, NY captured the junior corps national championship during spirited competition.

Of course, no American Legion convention would be complete with-



Veterans Administrator Max Cleland, a Vietnam triple amputee, dons blue hat given by the Department of Georgia

out the traditional parade.

The parade streamed down Canal street in the heart of the city on a sweltering evening, which didn't faze the participants and the crowds watching.

For the second year in a row, the Department of Idaho had the honor of leading the 57 other Legion departments at the head of the parade. Idaho captured the honor again for leading in the percentage of new memberships.

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1978-79 Resolutions

an overall strategy for dealing with threats by terrorists around the world.

188. Supports House Joint Resolution No. 32.

257. Opposes ratification of the universal declaration on human rights.

397. Calls for the resignation of U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Andrew Young.

412. Favors dismissal from federal service those employees in the State Department who fail in their duty to safeguard the national security.

521. Urges amendment to the Freedom of Information Act to enable the CIA to best serve the foreign policy interests of the United States.

534. Calls for an annual review of the United Nations by the Foreign Relations Commission.

16. Opposes Marxism and communism in Africa and supports the governments of Rhodesia, Southwest Africa and South Africa.

402. Encourages and supports an urgent nationwide educational program on the Republic of South Africa and how that country relates to the United States.

293. Endorses the Rhodesian internal settlement.

522. Supports reactivation of hydroelectric project in Angola to serve all the people in the region.

404. Supports the Republic of China (Taiwan) while the United States tries to promote peace and trade with the People's Republic of China (Peking).

215. Directs The American Legion Magazine to publish the results of any vote to give tax dollars to Red nations.

23. Calls for the maintenance of U. S. military forces in South Korea.

337. Opposes withdrawal of U.S. forces from Asia.

400. Opposes cooperative policies with Cuba until that nation halts its communist aggression in Africa and elsewhere.

399. Opposes any concessions on the U.S. use of Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

17. Commends Legion leadership in opposing Panama Canal treaties.

398. Encourages House to support its constitutional right to dispose of U.S. property and to refuse funds which will be required by many agencies of the U.S. Government to implement the Panama Canal treaties.

477. Calls for peaceful and constructive relationship between the United States and the Persian Gulf States.

413. Urges all NATO bases be made fully operational.

455. Urges development and production of B-1 bomber, the cruise missile and the neutron warhead.

409. Supports any SALT agreement which is uninely equitable.

415. Opposes genocide convention.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Earl D. Franklin Jr, Chmn, CO

506. Reaffirms Legion position in urging federal and state governments to enact necessary legislation to assist financially those individual families faced by catastrophic illness of one of their children.

508. Urges all posts, districts and departments to offer assistance with the Special Olympics.

509. Asks Congress and the various state legislatures to provide sufficient funds for school nutrition programs.

510. Asks school boards and state educational agencies to develop a balanced and effective program to reduce and prevent violence and vandalism in the schools.

511. Urges continuing support programs outlined by the maternal and child health services.

512. Seeks appropriate legislation to subsidize those prospective adoptive parents who would otherwise adopt a child of special needs.

513. Urges local Legion posts to provide leadership and support to stimulate local treatment and immunization programs for children.

507. Encourages state governments to enact legislation necessary to protect children and youth during their camping experience.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

& REHABILITATION

William F. Lenker, Chmn, SD

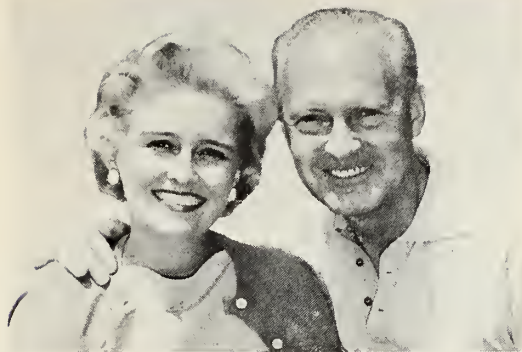
3. Supports legislation to provide for space available travel on military aircraft for 100 percent disabled veterans.

10. Calls for the reopening of the Guerrilla Recognition program of the Commonwealth of the Philippines.

18. Opposes transfer to any department or agen-

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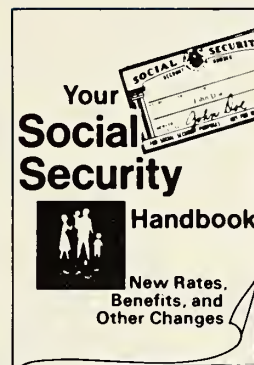
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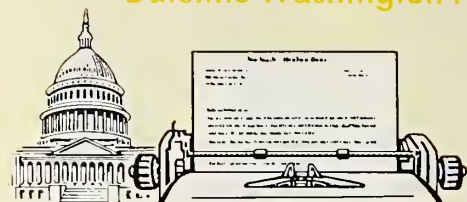
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JAPAN THINKING OF REARMING. HEALTH COSTS DOUBLE IN FIVE YEARS. "OFFICIAL" POLICY ON FAMILIES?

The Japanese, fiercely pacifistic since the devastation of their country in World War II, are indicating a desire to rearm themselves, and there is some sentiment in Congress to support expansion of Japan's defense forces.

Public fears have been expressed in Japan that the U.S. nuclear umbrella against Russian aggression may be a shaky shield, in view of reduction of the U.S. fleet in the Pacific, and the Administration move to bring home the GIs from South Korea.

The United States is spending 10 times as much as Japan on "free world defense," according to Rep. Ralph S. Regula (R-OH). He feels that one reason the United States has a sharp trade imbalance with Japan is the cost of our defending Japan, estimated at \$1 billion a year.

But some Washington observers are worried that once the United States permits Japan to go all out for arms production, that nation will also quickly dominate the world trade in armaments.

The cost of health care for Americans has nearly doubled in five years, according to a U.S. Government analysis, made public when President Carter recently unveiled his controversial national health insurance plan.

Health costs for a family of four rose from an average of \$1,138 in 1973 to an estimated \$2,115 in 1978, according to the study. Americans spent \$162 billion in the past year for health care. Some 16 percent of our population was hospitalized last year, for an average stay of 7.7 days; 75 percent visited a physician at least once; 1.4 billion prescriptions were filled out.

The survey also disclosed that while 149 million persons are covered by group health insurance and 50 million by Medicaid and Medicare, 24 million Americans have no health insurance at all, and 24 million have inadequate coverage.

Even as Congress has become involved in seeking to determine the impact of its legislation on the environment, there's a new move under way to get Capitol Hill thinking about the consequences of its actions on American family life.

Although there are some 260 federal programs providing direct financial assistance and services to individuals and

families, it appears the United States does not have an official policy on families, according to the Family Impact Seminar of the Institute for Educational Leadership at George Washington University. The group is seeking to develop such a policy, and hopefully, a flexible one.

Some Congressmen are intrigued with the idea, and have encouraged the studies which could lead to a "family impact statement" as a prerequisite for legislation or regulations. With the U.S. family undergoing rapid changes in the face of increasing numbers of divorces, working mothers and single parents, Congress may soon have to deal with the question of family rights, too.

PEOPLE & QUOTES

OFF AND OUT

"...I believe the people of America want 'big government' off their backs and bad government out of their pockets." Rep. Lester Wolff, NY.

ALLIES, U.S. SAME

"An attack on Europe would have the full consequences of an attack on the United States." President Carter.

TWO-WAY STREET

"...obviously, detente is a two-way street; the future course of our relations will depend also upon the choices made in Moscow. Sec'y of State Cyrus Vance.

U.S. STRONGEST

"The United States is the most powerful country in the world. The Soviet Union is not stronger militarily than the United States." Defense Sec'y Harold Brown.

ONE OR OTHER

"I think the Soviet Union has to be made to understand there cannot be proxy wars and detente at the same time." Ex-Sec'y of State Henry Kissinger.

IT'LL BE SPENT

"One of the things I found in government is that if there's a door open for spending, it'll be spent." Maine Gov. James Longley.

MORE FOR ARMS

"I want to dispel any idea that SALT is going to mean any reduction in the strategic budget in the days ahead." Gen. David Jones, head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

SUGGESTS REVOLT

"I suggest a revolt. A taxpayers' and business leaders' revolt against far more government than we need. Or deserve. Or want. Or will stand for. Or will pay for." J. W. Marriott, president, Marriott Corp.

SPLENDID DELUSION

"There is now, has been and always will be the splendid delusion that people in government have larger wisdom than those who are not so employed." Jack Valenti, president, Motion Picture Assoc. of America.

INFLATION FIGHT

"There's just no short-run answer beyond Band-Aids. We've got to think in terms of years, attack the subject of productivity, long-range goals." Chief U.S. inflation fighter Robert S. Strauss.

U.S. PROBLEMS

"Solutions without adequate respect for private freedoms will, ultimately, solve nothing." A. W. Clausen, president, Bank of America.

RED CHINA GOAL

"Our goal is to catch up with the advanced world levels and surpass them, both economically and technically." Red China Chairman Hua Kuo-Feng.

PERSONAL

1979 Automotive Forecast.

Home-Heating News: Good & Bad.

Three Gov't Programs Plummet.

As the new-car season rolls around once more, note these two common characteristics of 1979 models:

1. **They're smaller and lighter.** Wheelbases have been cut down, and plastics often are substituted for steel. The idea, of course, is to increase gas mileage (the auto makers have until 1985 to hit a goal of 25.7 miles per gallon).

2. **Prices are up, and likely will keep inching up still more.** Depending on whose figures you use, the hike looks like 4½ percent to close to 6 percent—or about \$200 to over \$400 per car. Meantime, extras are going up, too, adding to the final price. Remember that U. S. car makers have a pair of aces in their hands right now, a) demand for cars has been very strong, and b) foreign car makers are losing their price advantage because of the low state of the dollar.

As for other automotive trends, keep these in mind:

TRUCKS: Prices will rise even faster than for passenger vehicles. Sales have been strong, especially for pickup trucks and vans.

USED CARS: These outsell new cars by a wide margin. When's the most favorable time to buy one? A study by the Hertz Corp. shows you'll generally get the best buy if you pick a car three to four years old, providing it doesn't have excessive mileage (Hertz assumes the life of a car is about 100,000 miles). At the three-to-four year level, most of the car's depreciation has been paid for by the previous owner; the price is down about 70 percent from the new-car price, and operating costs will be relatively modest because you aren't stuck with depreciation.

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The home-heating situation this winter is a combination of good and bad news.

The good news is that supplies of all fuels should be plentiful (at least, that's how it appears at this early date).

The bad news is that costs will rise across-the-board at a stiff pace. Here's the outlook:

OIL: Prices will be up about 9 percent for this calendar year, and likely will climb another 9 percent or 10 percent next year. (Remember that next year's climb will be from a higher base, so that in dollars-and-cents it's bigger than this year's).

GAS: Up about 10 percent this year and maybe the same next year. Gas prices are extremely hard to predict, because they depend on touchy supply-demand situations.

ELECTRICITY: Also up about 10 percent this year, and maybe 10 percent to 11 percent next year. What makes electric costs so jumpy now is their dependence, in part, on coal. And coal, whose wage costs have gone up sharply, will increase about 12 percent in price this year and at least 10 percent next year.

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Notes of the month:

Three government programs are presently in limbo or on their way to disappointment:

No-fault car insurance. This would have made such insurance mandatory nationwide, but the House Commerce Committee defeated it.

Tire grading, requiring tire makers to indicate the mileage, tread resistance, and heat resistance of their products (except radials). The rating system itself has been worked out by the Transportation Dept., but the program is sure to get hung up in the courts.

The proposed **Federal tax cut.** It likely won't save you much, if anything, because of the hike in Social Security contributions, and wage increases which propel you into higher brackets.

—By Edgar A. Grunwald

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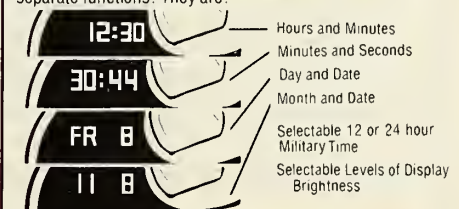
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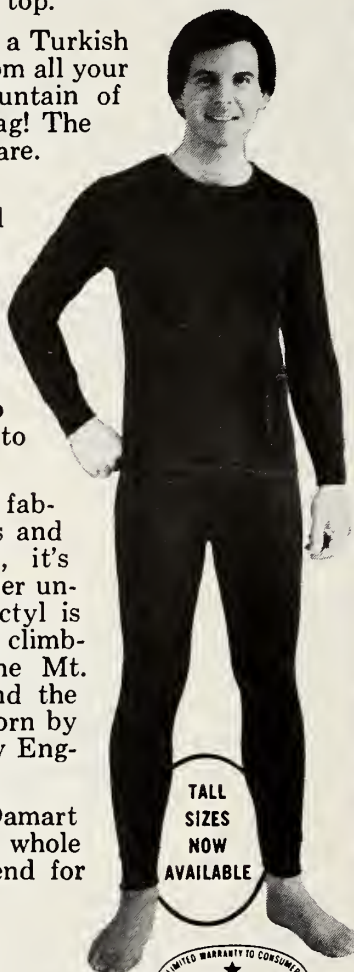
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cy those functions relating to education vested in the Veterans Administration.

44. Opposes any further reduction in the average daily operating bed level in VA hospitals.

106. Urges provision of sufficient VA health care facilities for non-service-connected disabilities of veterans.

145. Urges Congress to authorize adequate funding of VA medical research programs.

148. Urges Congress to adequately fund the VA health care construction system.

161. Supports study of radiation relating to 1957 "Smoky" atomic test.

169. Supports VA as an independent agency.

170. Seeks legislation making the VA an executive department.

191. Opposes judicial review of decisions by Veterans Administrator.

192. States American Legion policy on national health insurance.

320. Seeks high priority to budgetary needs of VA.

421. Seeks to rename the VA center at Temple, TX the "Olin E. Teague Veterans Administration Hospital."

443. Urges funding to assure outpatient care for eligible veterans.

61. Seeks improvement of national cemetery system and death and burial benefits.

116. Sponsors and supports legislation to provide that the term "veteran" includes a person who died in the active military service.

172. Asks assignment of high priority in funding VA alcohol and drug treatment and rehabilitation programs.

221. Seeks to include WWI veterans for service-connected treatment.

245. Supports legislation to authorize outpatient dental treatment.

186. Seeks restoration of outpatient clinic in Philadelphia.

42. Supports legislation to provide statutory presumption of service-connected death for certain veterans.

43. Supports legislation relating to transportation costs of a veteran who dies in a state veterans home to place of burial.

45. Supports legislation amending 38 USC, 3203 (b) (1).

80. Opposes adoption and application of any VA schedule for rating disabilities.

94. Sponsors and supports legislation to amend 38 U SC, 110.

118. Sponsors and supports legislation to amend section 411, 38 USC.

171. Sponsors and supports legislation to increase pension payable to a hospitalized veteran.

189. Seeks increase in VA burial allowance.

193. Sponsors and supports legislation pertaining to certain diseases and disabilities of prisoners of war.

220. Seeks to provide a special pension program for WWI veterans.

224. Urges legislation to improve the dependency and indemnity program for dependent parents.

325. Seeks to increase monthly rates of disability compensation.

442. Seeks amendment to legislation pertaining to veterans pension program.

485. Seeks to remove the restriction against the receipt of Armed Forces retirement pay.

519. Opposes enactment of a special provision of H R 10173 relating veterans and their dependents residing outside the United States.

226. Seeks legislation providing a special government life insurance program for Vietnam era veterans.

265. Supports legislation giving certain veterans rights of apply for contracts of National Service Life Insurance.

NATIONAL SECURITY

Francis P. Kane, Chmn, IL

115. Commends Coalition of Peace Through Strength.

330. Commends General Singlaub.

457. Urges national defense program to meet all communist threats.

262. Calls for mandatory jail sentences and capital punishment for those who commit crimes and kill with guns.

307. Recommends distribution of Legion's booklet on crime resistance.

7. Urges full support for U.S. space program.

377. Urges development and deployment of cruise missiles.

181. Urges full support of TRIAD defense concept.

183. Supports Air Force's airborne warning and control system programs.

385. Asks adequate funding for strategic airlift forces and aerial refueling capability.

30. Asks resumption of development and production of the B-1 bomber.

179. Supports Air Force on F-16 aircraft.

302. Supports Air Force on F-15 aircraft.

382. Supports production of A-10 aircraft.

180. Asks Administration and Congress to support the standoff/penetrating bomber mixed force concept.

523. Asks for re-institution of U.S. air bases in Turkey.
 91. Urges reorganization of federal emergency preparedness and disaster response programs.
 461. Calls for development of civil defense program.
 367. Supports a strong U.S. merchant marine.
 524. Calls for a free international market for ocean marine insurance.
 525. Opposes reorganization of the Army Corps of Engineers.
 527. Supports extension of certain coast-wise laws to the Virgin Islands.
 528. Opposes any weakening of U.S. cargo preference laws.
 526. Calls for formulation of a national dredging policy.
 143. Opposes the reduction of monies appropriated to fight drug abuse in the U.S. Armed Forces.
 217. Supports policy of continuing women in the armed forces only in non-combatant assignments.
 306. Opposes proposals contained in the President's Commission on Military Compensation.
 311. Urges selective conscription to restore the physician strength in the armed forces.
 312. Supports the re-establishment of the selective service system as a viable preparedness measure.
 314. Backs medical care for military retirees and their families.
 315. Urges enactment of legislation to enable a disabled, otherwise eligible, reservist to receive a reserve pension before attaining age 60.
 317. Urges an army strength of 790,000.
 318. Opposes unionization of the armed forces.
 319. Opposes any reduction in appropriated fund support for military commissary stores.
 389. Supports total force policy of providing funds, training and equipment to national guard and reserve units.
 417. Calls for the production and deployment of the neutron warhead.
 331. Commends military retirees.
 464. Opposes any effort to abolish characterization of discharges for U.S. armed forces personnel.
 484. Calls for medical care for military retirees and dependents.
 530. Urges Congress to over-ride the President's veto of the defense weapons bill so that the military posture of the United States will be second to none.
 309. Calls for continued support of the Trident submarine program.
 310. Supports Navy's ELF system.
 463. Calls for modernization of the U.S. Navy.

The texts of resolutions can be obtained from Archives, American Legion Headquarters, PO Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

R. I. Monument Oldest?

Alphonse Yelle Post 9, Manville, RI has issued a challenge to any other post or any veterans organization, a challenge which might bring a landslide of responses.

In order to officially establish the National Landmark status of their WW I monument, the post must verify the claim that the obelisk erected in Manville is in fact the first memorial dedicated to American fighting men of the Great War. And so the challenge.

Documented records show that the Manville monument was dedicated on May 30, 1919. Newspaper accounts of the period back this up.

However, before the memorial can be designated as a National Landmark, Post 9 must give ample opportunity to anyone who might claim that *their* monument is the first WW I memorial dedicated in the U.S.

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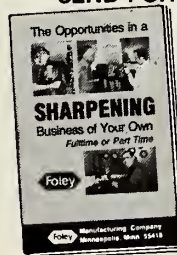
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He expressed his gratitude to some other veterans, too, the men of World War I who, largely through The American Legion, made the GI Bill possible. This was of great help to him when he returned to civilian life.

Characteristically, he wasted no time in doing so. His first move was to enroll at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, but since there was no scholarship this time he found a part-time job with a public accountant. He also served as an assistant coach on the freshman football team.

Shortly before he started his freshman year in 1946, he met Mildred Vanderlip, who later became his wife. It was on a blind date, and she was a junior at the university, a mathematics major. They were married in the summer of 1948 and Millie got a job teaching at Clare, MI, 15 miles north of Mt. Pleasant.

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Acceptance

Our Navy, the third leg of the Triad, also has been underbudgeted for new ship construction. Your American Legion will continue to press for positive action on all fronts to help bring our defense force into an ever-ready competitive situation as compared to the Soviet Union.

Throughout my campaign for this office I have hammered away at the philosophy of "peace through preparedness." I firmly believe in this approach to the national security of our beloved America, and as your National Commander I will continue to press for an American defense capability second to none.

The United States of America has been the number one free nation of the world, and you and I and all Legionnaires everywhere will continue to exert every effort to keep this country in that position—and to strengthen our stand on freedom. We want our allies and all nations of the world to look upon the United States as a nation that is a leader—and a leader to be greatly respected.

As Jack Carey puts it: "She earned an extra degree in college, PHT, Putting Husband Through." Jack was graduated in 1950 with a B.S. degree and started his teaching career at Grand Blanc High School. His subject was accounting, and he also coached football, basketball and baseball. Millie also obtained a teaching position in Grand Blanc, but this was interrupted a year and a half later when their first child was born. They had three other children, but one died of leukemia at the age of four.

John, the oldest, is now 27 and in charge of Junior Achievement for Rhode Island. Janice, 23, teaches at Roscommon, MI, and Marcia, who graduated from college this year, is with Federated Mutual Insurance Co., at Owatonna, MN. Jack's mother, Mrs. John T. Carey, still lives in the old hometown, Mt. Pleasant, but his father is deceased.

One of the turning points in Jack Carey's life occurred while he was working on a summer job at General Motor's Fisher Body Plant in Flint, MI. His superiors were obviously impressed with him and asked if he would accept a permanent job. They told him there would be ample opportunity for advancement, and he requested and received a release from his teaching contract.

He was given a choice of moving to the headquarters of Fisher Body in Detroit or remaining in Flint. He settled on Flint where the huge plants turn out bodies for Buicks, and doors and parts for other cars in the General Motors line.

His job at first dealt with time-motion studies, and working with budgets. There was a natural transition from this into industrial engineering, where the goal is to achieve greater efficiency in production. "People on the outside," he explained "sometimes refer to us as efficiency experts."

Jack Carey obviously proved himself to be an efficient efficiency expert because he has been given a succession of promotions. At the time he took his sabbatical to serve as National Commander he was Department Supervisor, Industrial Engineering, at the Fabricating unit of the Fisher Body plant in Flint. Recognizing his talents in dealing with people, General Motors has called on him to work in community relations, as a member of its Speakers'

Bureau, and for other special assignments.

Two aspects of his work at General Motors will doubtless enter into his work as National Commander. One has to do with efficiency. He believes The American Legion should be run like any big business, with the utmost efficiency. Every dollar received from members should be put to the most productive use.

His work has also given him an understanding of the importance of communicating. Here he believes the organization could do much better. He points out that one of his responsibilities at General Motors was to make people understand and like their jobs, to get them to work as a team.

"Legionnaires, too," he said, "should be given a better understanding of their organization and its programs, so they can work together as a team."

In assuming the leadership of The American Legion, Jack Carey has given up a number of civic and personal activities, besides his job at General Motors. One of these was Mayor of Grand Blanc, MI, the suburb of Flint where he has lived for many years. He was re-elected to his fourth term in 1975, an office he has of course now relinquished. Incidentally, as Mayor of Grand Blanc, he officiated at his son's wedding, serving as back-up to the clergyman.

Of all his civic and community activities, Jack Carey will probably miss his work at Grand Blanc Post #413 most. He is a 30-year member and active all those years, particularly as Post Adjutant for 27 years. Asked what is special about Post #413, he explained that two things make it unusual. It is housed in a fine old building that had been bought by Paul Krause, Minnesota Vikings football star, and turned into a country-style restaurant. Krause decided to get out of the restaurant business so he traded the building to Post #413 for a smaller building they had been using. Both the post and Krause are happy.

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Commander Emphasizes Defense

By RALPH BURRIS

American Legion News Service

National Cdr. John M. (Jack) Carey has said that The American Legion would not relax its long-advocated position that military preparedness is the key to peace.

At his first press conference in Indianapolis, the newly-elected Legion leader said that among the primary concerns of The American Legion in the year ahead "will be a continuing concern for the strength and preparedness of the United States defense establishment."

He said the Legion was on record as calling upon the President to resume development of the B-1 bomber, adding:

"The United States Air Force's strike capabilities have reached an all-time low because of old and obsolete aircraft while the Russians continue to develop a fleet of fast, high-altitude bombers that could deliver nuclear strikes anywhere in the United States."

The Legion chief pointed out further that the United States has become a second-rate power and that the nation's defense program "is in the same position as it was in 1938 when Hitler attempted to rule the world."

"You might consider members of The American Legion hawks and warmongers," he said, "but those of us who have sons and daughters or grandchildren never want to see a war situation again. I believe in peace through preparedness and

America is not prepared."

Asked by a television reporter if the United States can afford to develop and build sophisticated weapons that may be obsolete in a decade, Carey replied, "I feel the welfare and unemployment of this country would become greater if we do not continue to develop missiles and

other weapons."

Commenting on other subjects, Commander Carey said that the Legion has been involved in one of the most significant struggles on behalf of American veterans' economic well being since the GI Bill of Rights struggle in the battle for veterans' preference in federal hiring.

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Hialeah Wins 1978 Legion Baseball Title

Sullivan-Babcock Post 132, Hialeah, FL is the 1978 national baseball champion of The American Legion, rolling to five straight victories without a defeat in the double-elimination tournament at Yakima, WA.

Hialeah defeated Post 40, East Springfield, MA, 7 to 4, in the title game on Labor Day. Hialeah compiled an average of 10 runs per game en route to their unbeaten tourney record.

Hialeah Third Baseman Ivan Mesa slugged a seventh-inning homer while East Springfield First Baseman Pete Kumiega responded with a four-ply clout in the eighth inning.

During the championship game, Hialeah stole six bases.

A detailed account of the tournament will be carried in the November issue of The American Legion Magazine.

Pension Reform Bill Nears Final Action

The House bill is entitled, "Veterans and Survivors Pension Improvement Act of 1978," while the Senate version is called "Veterans and Survivors Income Security Act."

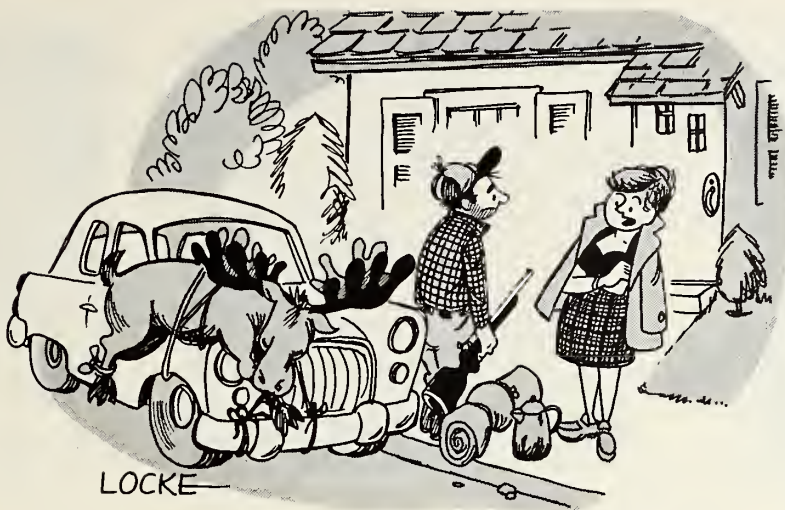
As this issue of the magazine goes to press, a House-Senate conference is in the offing to iron out differences in the bills.

Both bills would restructure the needs-based pension program to provide greater assistance to those in need and to remove a number of inconsistencies, anomalies and program from operating in all cases in the equitable manner intended by Congress.

Both Sen. Alan Cranston (D-CA), chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs committee, and Rep. Ray Roberts (D-TX), chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee told the Legion during the New Orleans convention they are confident that a meaningful bill would be cleared by Congress before it adjourns.

However, President Carter indicated on Aug. 22 a tentative hit list of bills he may veto, one of them being pension reform.

Should the pension reform bill be vetoed, The American Legion has announced it will lead the fight to override a presidential rejection of the legislation.



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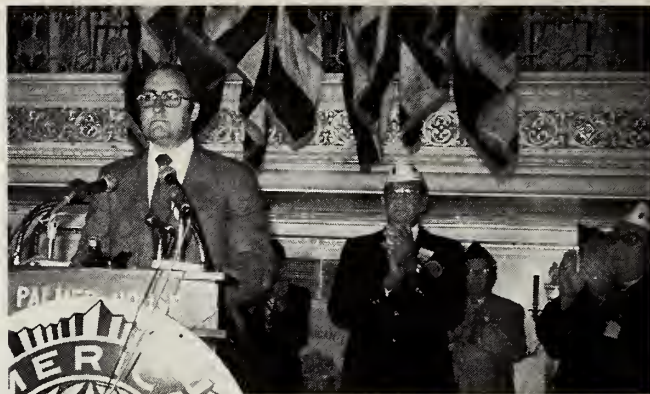
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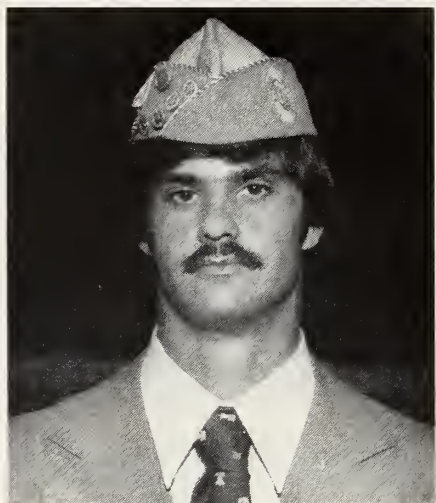
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Delegates to the Department of Illinois Convention were honored by the presence of Illinois Governor James Thompson, here addressing the convention. Dept. Cdr. Jim Kissner and 1979 Dept. Cdr. Norm Biebel are at right



Daniel Dittmann

Daniel Dittmann of Stafford, VA, was re-elected as Virginia Detachment Commander, Sons of the American Legion, at the SAL convention in Lynchburg. Dittmann becomes the first Detachment Commander in Virginia SAL history to serve two terms.

A seven-year member of SAL, Commander Dittmann was sworn into office by his father, Wayne Dittmann, past 8th District commander.

Elected Vice Commanders were Bruce Miller, Jr. of Stafford and Frank Leonard of Lynchburg.

During the convention, Commander Dittmann and Vice Commander Miller received the Five Star Award, the highest honor that can be bestowed on a Son of the American Legion. Virginia SAL Chairman Rich Nye praised both award winners for their leadership during the past year when the Virginia SAL membership increased to more than 150 per cent and five new squadrons were formed.

POSTS IN ACTION



Strong-Nourse Post 68, Littleton, NH recently sponsored a marbles tournament as part of the post's Children and Youth Program. The tournament was conducted under rules and regulations sanctioned by the Big Blue Marble Corp. which annually holds the National Marbles Championships. Winners of Post 68's meet were John Stillings and Christine MacKay, both of Littleton. Post Adjutant Paul L. Perry, Children and Youth Director, is seen supervising some of the play

KEEP AN EYE ON HIM !



The Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge has awarded Vic Cantone, editorial cartoonist for the New York Daily News, the George Washington Honor Medal for his cartoon "Keep An Eye On Him". The cartoon comments on the second series of Strategic Arms Limitation Talks.

U.S. Rep. Cited

U.S. Rep. James J. Florio (D-NJ) was honored during New Jersey Department's annual Convention awards ceremony at Post 181, Penn Grove, NJ for his efforts in securing a VA hospital in South Jersey.

The Congressman led the move to reverse an administration decision to eliminate the planned VA facility at Camden. Rallying veterans' groups to the cause, Florio convinced the White House that the Camden facility was crucial for treatment of the state's veterans and ensured the completion of the project.

Bill McKay Is Named Legionnaire of Month



William (Bill) McKay

The American Legion slogan, "We Dare to Care," fits William (Bill) McKay to a tee, his comrades at Post 8, New Rochelle, NY say. So McKay has been named "Legionnaire of the Month."

He joined Post 8 after his discharge from the U.S. Navy in 1945 and became the first World War II veteran to be elected its commander.

From there, McKay went on to such positions as Westchester county commander, Ninth District commander and department vice commander.

"William (Bill) McKay always gives his best," comments Post Cdr. Anthony C. Foglio. "This trait always reflects with honor the best traditions of The American Legion."

Four Last Man's Club Survivors Meet Nov. 11

First their ranks stood at more than 50, but now the membership has dwindled to four—for survivors of what is affectionately known as the Last Man's Club, a group of World War I veterans who gather each Veterans (Armistice) Day, Nov. 11.

The club was founded by members of the Stevenson-D'Alessio American Legion Post 12, Somerville, NJ.

This year the survivors will meet for lunch at the Greenfield Convalescent Center, Bridgewater, NJ.

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J. Lloyd Wignall Remembered

The Internal Affairs Commission held a memorial service for J. Lloyd Wignall during the 60th annual convention in New Orleans. Wignall, who was director of the Internal Affairs Division at national headquarters, died in an automobile accident last Thanksgiving day.

TAPS

The Taps Notice mentions, whenever possible, those Legionnaires who have held high National or Department Office in the Legion, US Government, or other forms of national prominence.

Irving B. Selmer, 67, died in July following a lengthy illness. Selmer, a

life member of Cheyenne, Wy. Post #6, was elected National Vice Commander at the 1977 Denver National Convention and had served as post cdr., district cdr. and department cdr. He was the founder of the Wyoming Legion's Youth Activities Decal Fund, which assisted in financing the department's youth activities.

Lawrence E. McGann, 91, died in July in Chicago, Ill. Mr. McGann held the post of National Executive Committeeman (1975-77).

Leon E. Happell, National Executive Committeeman (1944-46), National Foreign Relations Commission member (1946-72) and chairman (1948-49) died in Stockton, Ca.

Hilary H. Crawford died recently in San Francisco, CA. Mr. Crawford was alternate NECman from California in 1923-24.

John Avantis, past commander of Seagrams Post 1283, Department of New York, died Aug. 24 after a brief illness. He is survived by his wife, Agnes, and a daughter, Paula, of Cherry Hill, NJ.

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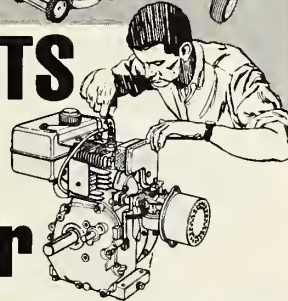
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CONTRARY to what is happening to the bald eagle and other diminishing bird species, the Canadian goose is holding its own. But when 225,000 of the total 400,000 Mississippi Valley Flyway population decided to settle down at one time into Wisconsin's Horicon Marsh, it became a problem.

Plans have been activated to disburse the large number of geese that settled into the Marsh at one time, plaguing farmers, threatening their own future with disease and causing other problems for state and federal wildlife officials.

Perhaps the geese know best, for the Horicon Marsh—a 30,000-acre game refuge in east-central Wisconsin—is one of the finest fresh water marshes in North America. If it is not for the birds, what else is it for? Tourists, of course, who visit the Horicon in droves to view the birds.

Following a long history of drainage, ditching and attempts at farming, the federal government acquired the northern two-thirds of the Horicon, primarily as a duck refuge. The southern third was taken over by the State of Wisconsin and now is managed as a state wildlife area. Then came the Canadian geese, flying from north to south and back again in the Mississippi Valley embracing both Canada and the United States.

The numbers of Canadian geese stopping in the Horicon increased from near zero in 1946 to peaks of 250,000 in recent years.

Goose management efforts in the Horicon wildlife refuge were actually responsible for the huge hike in goose use of the Marsh.

Wildlife managers have worked to make Horicon Marsh an oasis on the migration route. Of the almost half million geese migrating in 1975, the majority followed an hour-glass flight pattern through Horicon Marsh.

The elegant birds wined on marsh water in flat-bottom ditches. They dined on winter wheat, winter rye and short hybrid corn, planted especially so they could reach ripe ears. They were entertained by some 140,000 people in 1975 who fluttered about the marsh. On a peak day 20,000 visitors squint through binoculars during the season (fall to winter) and use cameras and tape recorders to take home the sights and sounds of thousands of babbling geese. Aldo Leopold, a Wisconsin writer, calls it "goose music."

But the music sometimes echoes with discord and cacophony. Townships have claimed visitors' cars broke up the roads. Area farmers have complained of crop depredation.

"If a flock of 3,000 invades a cornfield, and each bird eats a half pound

of corn—it's a problem," one farmer said. In wet years—when the most damage to crops is done, corn still stands when most geese arrive in October.

At public hearings officials explained plans to keep geese moving. Unfortunately, no hearings were held for the geese up at James Bay, Canada, where they summer and are busy making goslings. In the fall of 1976, goose families took to the air for the 1,250-mile trip to southern Illinois wintering grounds. Some 12 hours and 300 miles later, almost 200,000 birds settled temporarily into Horicon Marsh.

They didn't know a hazing program was starting. Noise-making air boats roared over the water. Propane exploders boomed cannon-like noises at time intervals. Dewatering started. No feed acreage was planted.

Did the birds get the message? The 1976 goose population was down by 29,000 to 196,000. The 1977 peak in October was 172,400. The goal by 1980 is 100,000. Wildlife managers think it will take years to change goose habits.

The natural beauty of the large number of geese can't be denied. But one wildlife manager says, "the Marsh is more than a petting zoo for geese."

—Phyllis I. Ehlke

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Chuck Schroeder And His Giant Geese

department commander. Next year he'll have 30 years of continuous service with The American Legion. He also has led the North Dakota State Employee's Association.

"The family is behind him in whatever he decides to do. We all discussed his running for department commander and everyone thought it was good—it was the thing to do," says his wife Cecelia. "He's gone a lot, but he gets a rousing welcome when he returns home!"

The accomplishment that will live well beyond Chuck Schroeder, however, is the return of the giant Canada in North Dakota. By 1980 it is expected to take its place among harvestable waterfowl species.

Epilogue

The sunrise began slowly. The man and boy waited in the cold,

dawn stillness. They listened and heard goose talk. The last of night's shadows slipped towards the western horizon. The man and boy flexed with excitement. They hugged the earth, faces flat on dusty fallow, then they reared together and fired. Two

giant Canada geese folded and fell next to 40 frost-washed tin decoys. The year? 1981.

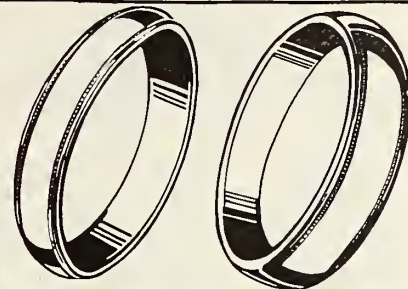
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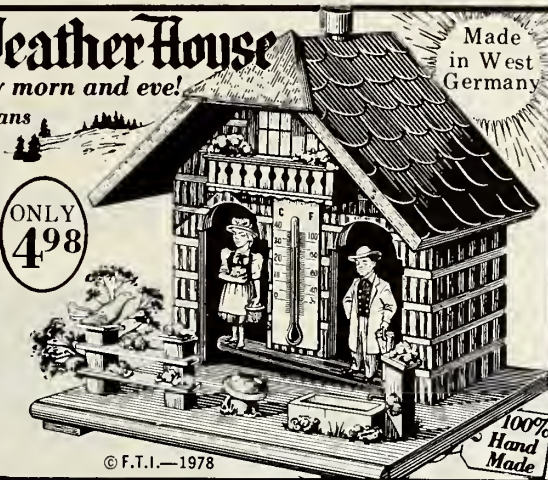
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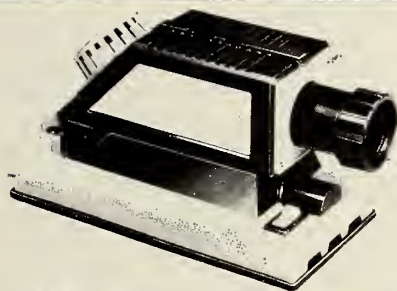
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The first trip was in July 1969. Neil A. Armstrong, a civilian test pilot for NASA, took the "one small step" on the moon's surface. Three years earlier he had participated in the first docking maneuver in space. Since 1971 Neil Armstrong has been a professor of engineering at the University of Cincinnati.

Col. Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., (USAF-Ret.) an Army Air Force test pilot, landed on the moon with Neil Armstrong and was the second man to walk on the lunar surface. Being second was a keen disappointment to him and to his father. "Buzz" Aldrin heads Research and Engineering Consultants, Inc., a Los Angeles, CA firm that engages in such enterprises as developing plans for the improvement of digital watches, purifying sewage water and controlling fire in high-rise buildings. Colonel Aldrin's book "Return to Earth" tells of his nervous breakdown and bout with alcoholism. It was dramatized on TV with Cliff Robertson playing the leading role.

Mike Collins was in the command module.

The second trio to the moon were now retired U.S. Navy Captains Charles Conrad, Jr., and Alan L. Bean and the orbiting captain, Richard F. Gordon, Jr. Lightning struck their spacecraft half a minute after liftoff, but quick action by the crew saved them.

Conrad made a total of four trips into space. He retired from NASA in 1974 and became vice president of a cable television company in Denver. In 1976, Charles Conrad joined McDonnell Douglas, an aircraft manufacturing company, as consultant and vice president. Alan Bean is still on flight status at NASA's Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX. Richard Gordon is with the John W. Mecom Co., in Houston.

The third team consisted of Rear Adm. Alan B. Shepard, Jr., Navy Capt. Edgar D. Mitchell and Air

Force Col. Stuart A. Roosa. Shepard had been the first American to blast off into space in a rocket-boosted capsule, Freedom 7, on May 5, 1961, just three weeks after the Russian, Maj. Yuri Gagarin, had journeyed into space. Ten years later, Shepard was the fifth American to set foot on the moon. He served as a delegate to the United Nations General Assembly in 1971. He is now president of Woodward Coors Co., Deer Park, TX.

Captain Mitchell has a Ph.D. from M.I.T. He lives in Palm Beach, FL, where he is chairman of the board of a company on information science. He founded an organization devoted

to the study of extrasensory perception, the Institute of Noetic Sciences.

Colonel Roosa retired from NASA in 1976 and is now president of Jet Industries in Austin, TX.

Astronauts Col. David R. Scott, Col. James B. Irwin and Col. Alfred M. Worden of the Air Force, the fourth team, went in July 1971. Scott and Irwin spent almost 67 hours on the lunar surface and used the "moon buggy" there for the first time.

Scott was director of NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center in California, until he retired in 1977 to enter private business in Los Angeles. He made three space flights.

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Irwin retired from the USAF and NASA and founded a Christian evangelical organization, the High Flight Foundation, in Colorado Springs, CO. It provided a retreat for Vietnam prisoners of war, and is engaged in a "Bibles-on-Airplanes" program. Two other astronauts are vice presidents of High Flight: Colonel Worden, who piloted the Command Module on the Scott-Irwin flight, and Col. William Pogue, who flew in Skylab's last flight and currently is on a leave of absence from NASA.

The fifth moon flight was conducted by Capt. John W. Young, Col. Charles M. Duke, Jr. and Cdr. Thomas K. Mattingly II. Duke retired from NASA in 1976 to establish Orbit Corp. in San Antonio, TX. Young and Mattingly are still on active flight status. Captain Young has made four space flights and is now Chief, Astronaut Office, Johnson Space Center. He and Navy Commander Robert L. Crippen will pilot the space Shuttle when it is launched for the first time from the Kennedy Space Center in 1979. It will be Crippen's first space flight.

The last and longest trip to the moon in the Apollo program was in December 1972, with Capt. Eugene A. Cernan, Harrison H. Schmitt and Capt. Ronald E. Evans. Evans retired in 1977 to become executive VP of Western American Energy Corp. and a director of Wes-Pac, in Scottsdale, AZ. Cernan retired in 1976 after three space flights and 13 years as an astronaut. He is executive vice president of Coral Petroleum, Inc., in Houston, TX.

Dr. Schmitt won election in November 1976 to the U.S. Senate from New Mexico on the Republican ticket. A geologist with a Ph.D. from Harvard, Senator Schmitt was the only Apollo astronaut with no military experience. During his moon walk, he enthusiastically lectured a worldwide television audience about the rocks he was finding. During 1974 and 1975, Dr. Schmitt served as NASA's assistant administrator for energy programs.

Including the Apollo-Soyuz mission in July 1975—the last manned flights until the Shuttle era begins in 1979—there have been 73 U.S. astronauts since the first group of seven was chosen in 1959. Forty-three of them have flown 31 missions in space. Twenty-six are on flight status at the Johnson Space Center. One other, now on other assignment, also is available as flight crewman. Of the 27, 17 are pilot-astronauts and there are 10 who are scientist astronauts.

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spacecraft fire of January 1967 claimed the lives of three. Four died in crashes of the T-38 training plane: Maj. Charles A. Bassett II, Capt. Theodore C. Freeman, Elliott J. See, and Maj. Clifton C. Williams, Jr. Another, Maj. Edward G. Givens, Jr., died in an automobile accident.

Twenty-six have retired, many to a personally desired obscurity, two for reasons of health. Three of the astronauts are connected with universities: Univ. of Cincinnati, Rice in Houston, TX and Princeton in New Jersey. Dr. Eugene E. Graveline is with the Vermont Department of Health. Dr. Anthony W. England is with the U.S. Geological Survey in Denver, CO.

John Glenn was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1974 as a Democrat from Ohio. He was the first American to orbit the earth. "Friendship 7," the Atlas-boosted Mercury capsule, is on display at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, not far from the Capitol.

In December 1968, three astronauts became the first to see the far side of the moon: William A. Anders, Col. Frank Borman and Capt. James A. Lovell.

Bill Anders, with a masters degree in nuclear engineering, became chair-

man of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. When his term expired in 1976, he was appointed Ambassador to Norway and now is with General Electric Co. in San Jose, CA.

Frank Borman, remembered for his Christmas prayer in space, was prominent as chairman of the U.S. Army's special commission to investigate the honor system at West Point. Television viewers also know him as the energetic baggage-carrying president of Eastern Airlines. Now President and Chief Operations officer, he is living in Miami, FL.

Business has attracted other ex-astronauts.

Col. L. Gordon Cooper, Jr., who took the first space flight of long duration in a Mercury capsule in 1963, is now vice president for research and development for WED Enterprises, a subsidiary of Walt Disney Enterprises in Glendale, CA.

Capt. Walter M. Schirra, Jr., who made three space flights, is vice president of Development and Research for Goodwin Companies, Inc. in Littleton, CO.

Cdr. M. Scott Carpenter is in private business in Los Angeles, CA. With Jon Lindbergh, reportedly he conducted a diving expedition in the China Sea to recover treasures from

a Japanese ship sunk in 1945.

R. Walter Cunningham is senior vp with 3D/International in Houston, TX and is the author of a book "The All American Boys," which deals with his years as an astronaut. Brig. Gen. James A. McDivitt is president of Pullman Standard Company in Chicago, IL.

Col. Donn F. Eisele was director of the Peace Corps in Thailand for several years. He is now eastern manager of the Marion Power Shovel Company of Ohio. He and his wife live in Williamsburg, VA where they are running a home furnishings shop.

Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Stafford, who made four space flights, returned to active duty as commander of the Air Force Flight Test Center at Edwards Air Force Base in California in November 1975. Earlier this year he became Deputy Chief of Staff/Research and Development, Headquarters, U.S.A.F. in Washington, DC.

Other astronauts who have flown in space and are still in the NASA program are Vance E. Brand, Dr. Owen K. Garriott, Capt. Joseph P. Kerwin, Lt. Col. Jack R. Lousma, Capt. Paul J. Weitz, and that old-timer in space, Donald K. Slayton.

Slayton is the "dean" of astronauts. One of the original seven selected in 1959, he was grounded because of a slightly irregular heartbeat. Named chief of the astronaut office, he chose the men to fly each mission and managed their training. At age 51, in 1975, he finally flew on the Apollo-Soyuz mission. He is now in charge of the orbital flight test program for the Shuttle at Johnson Space Center.



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Descendants of the original owners now operate them as museums, and they're open every day of the year.

One of America's richest men, George W. Vanderbilt, had his castle built in the late 1880's at Asheville, NC as a place of retreat from the noise and pressures of New York City. It was his idea to build the finest country home in America to house his vast collection of art treasures and books. The 125,000 acres of farms, woods and forested mountains in the lush green hills of North Carolina on which Biltmore House stands today proves that its original owner had a good eye for real estate.

Vanderbilt also could afford the

best people to build his castle and estate. He hired a friend, Richard Morris Hunt, as architect, and Frederick Law Olmsted was engaged to create the estate. Biltmore House's 250 rooms are filled with art treasures from around the world, and the gardens are perhaps unequalled in America. Over a thousand artisans and workers were employed in building the castle and creating the grounds. They were housed, and they worked, in a village constructed on the estate which had its own church and railroad, as well as shops, brick factories and saw mills.

By 1895 the house was completed and Olmsted had a truck farm on the estate producing fresh fruit and vegetables, a herd of Jersey cows giving fresh milk, and all the plantings were in place. Vanderbilt and his wife lived and entertained lavishly in the castle until his death in 1914. Mrs. Vanderbilt continued living there but deeded some 120,000 acres of forest on the estate to the federal government, creating Pisgah National Forest.

In 1932 Biltmore House was opened to the public. During World War II American masterpieces of art from the National Gallery of Art in Washington were moved to Biltmore

House for safekeeping.

Two hours north of Boston, overlooking the Reef of Norman's Woe on the rocky New England shore of Gloucester, MA—made famous in Longfellow's poem *The Wreck of the Hesperus*—stands Hammond Castle. It is complete with stone towers, battlements, medieval drawbridge over a moat, narrow winding stone staircases and parapets, and an interior containing a king's ransom of art treasures from antiquity and the Middle Ages.

John Hays Hammond, Jr., inventor of many electronic devices and forerunners of radar, had the castle built between 1925 and 1928 as a secluded but magnificent place in which to store his art collection, to work and live. He was joined by his wife, a small army of servants and several generations of Siamese cats. They all lived in the castle in an atmosphere of Europe before the 16th century.

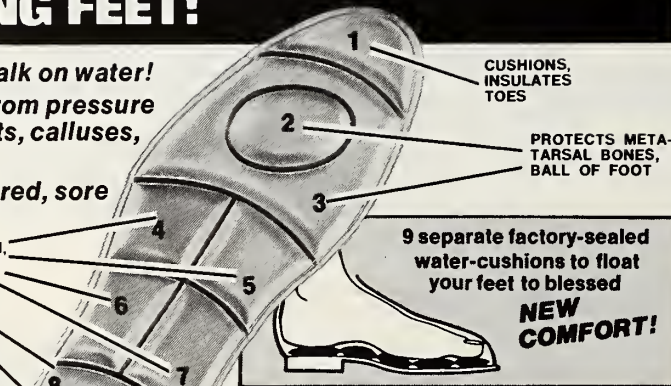
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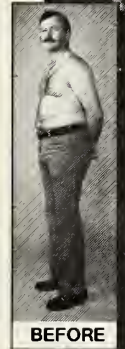
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stage actor of the late 1800's and early 1900's, William Gillette, built his castle. It is a 24-room Medieval Rhineland fortress built on a 122-acre estate called The Seventh Sister, and its rather spooky atmosphere goes well with the actor's favorite role, Sherlock Holmes.

Gillette loved mystery off stage as well as on, so he had secret passageways built in, as well as odd things like a movable table on tracks and built-in couches, and he had the walls covered with Javanese raffia mats. Of the 47 doors in the castle, no two are exactly alike. The actor loved trains, so it was only natural that he build a man-sized railroad on the property, with trestles, tunnels and even his very own "Grand Central" station. The salty-tongued Gillette decreed in his will that upon his death, "no blithering saphead" be allowed to buy his castle. It became a state park, which more than a million people visit each year.

James Dooley was a private in the Union army who was wounded at the Battle of Williamsburg. Discharged as a lieutenant, he returned from the Civil War to build his castle in the mountains near Richmond, VA. He had become a lawyer, railroad magnet and banker, and he spent over a million dollars to construct a retreat for his bride and himself which he called "Maymont."

"Build for my Sallie May majestic terraced gardens and a long marble-columned pergola overlooking the valleys below," Dooley instructed his architect. The white marble castle was built atop the mountains in 1886 on a 94-acre dairy farm. Four years later it became one of the show places of the East. Three-stories tall, it is built of sandstone and pink granite with two towers.

Today, the City of Richmond maintains Maymont as a public museum and park.

One of the saddest stories surrounding an American castle underlies one called Boldt Castle on thickly-wooded Heart Island in the St. Lawrence River, opposite Alexandria Bay, NY.

George C. Boldt came to America from Germany as a poor boy in 1864. He began his work life as a dishwasher when he was 13, later opened the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia, PA and then became owner of the famed Waldorf-Astoria in New York City, amassing a fortune of 25 million dollars.

When Boldt was a boy in Germany, he dreamed of having his own castle on the Rhine. As a millionaire, he fulfilled the dream by buying

Heart Island, one of the beautiful Thousand Islands, and having a castle built there. It began as a gift to his wife, and was intended to be their summer home, but she died before it was completed.

Upon her death, Boldt sent a telegram to the workmen stopping their saws and hammers and the castle fell quiet as a tomb, as if Snow White was asleep and work would not progress until she awoke. But no fairy tale miracle happened, and Boldt Castle remains empty and uncompleted to this day.

Another sad story surrounds "The Castle," a fortress on a hillside overlooking Berkeley Springs, WV. It was built by a 60-year-old architect, Samuel T. Soult, to win the heart of a lovely 17-year-old girl. He had overheard her say that she would love to live in a castle, so he offered to build her one if she would marry him. She agreed, they married, but shortly before the castle was completed, Soult died. His will stipulated that his wife would only inherit the fortune if she had their castle completed, so she did.

But the rich young widow squandered the fortune on a merry whirl of expensive parties and soon she was forced to move out of the castle into a one-room cabin nearby. The castle, however, is preserved and can be toured by the public.

Though sad in many ways, a castle in Florida which was built entirely of coral is also a beautiful love story.

A Latvian immigrant, Edward Leedskalnin, built his coral castle as a monument to a girl who never married him.

Back in his native land in the Baltic, young Leedskalnin wooed but then lost the love of a 16-year-old beauty from his village. Not a rich man, he hoped that if he offered her wealth, she might marry him, so he came to America to seek his fortune. In 1920 he found himself in Florida, still not rich but able to build a castle out of huge rocks of coral which he hoped by now would take his mind off his lost love. He spent 30 back-breaking years building a two-story tower house out of 1,000 tons of coral, each block weighing from three to 30 tons. He rigged up pulleys and levers with which he hoisted the blocks himself, then carved all furniture out of coral and built an ingenious coral Stonehenge that tells

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time and date, as well as a coral obelisk weighing 28 tons.

Engineers are still baffled as to how Leedskalnin, a small man who weighed only 100 pounds, could have lifted the blocks, some as heavy as those in the Great Pyramid in Egypt. But Leedskalnin built his castle at night with just the moon's glow to light his work and died in 1951 taking his architectural secrets with him.

Coral Castle, on U.S. 1, 25 miles south of Miami, is open to the public daily. It is an especially fun place for children. Although he had none of his own, Leedskalnin loved children and built for them over-life-sized coral statues of the Three Bears, a huge coral baby cradle, and other Mother Goose coral statues.

A quiet-loving Seattle, WA man named Boyce L. Gulley decided to keep his castle all to himself. He vanished in 1927 and it wasn't until his death in Phoenix, AZ 18 years later that his wife and daughter learned what he had been up to. He had been building Mystery Castle, an 18-room stone-and-stucco fortress in the desert near Phoenix.

Mystery Castle is a strange turret-and-tower structure of obsidian, quartz, telephone poles for beams, a copper bathtub, a Mexican jail bed for a door, and window grills made from the wire wheels of a Stutz Bearcat. Visitors are welcome daily.

Scotty's Castle in Death Valley is a similar testament to the wild dreams of frontiersmen. A Chicago business executive, Albert M. Johnson, teamed up with a desert rat named Walter Scott, alias "Death

Valley Scotty," to build a castle at the north end of Death Valley. Why they built it remains a mystery.

The castle was begun in 1924 and cost millions. A Spanish theme is carried throughout, highlighted by Austrian woodwork and German metalwork. There are 14 fireplaces in case there's a change in the weather.

Probably the best-known castle in America is William Randolph Hearst's San Simeon, built against the Santa Lucia Mountains in California, overlooking the sea halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles. The millionaire newspaper

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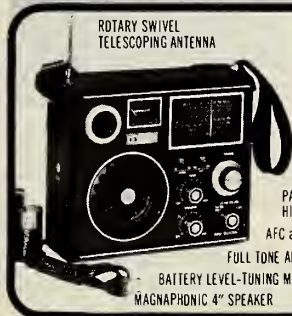
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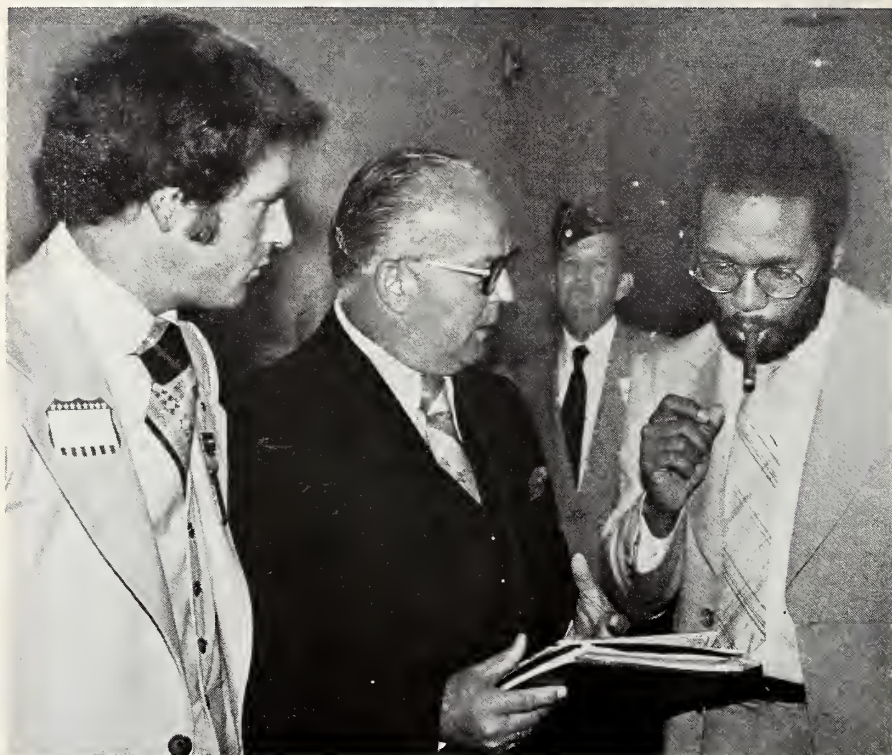
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Assistant Labor Secretary Green Cites Maine's Outreach Program



David Christian, commander of the Legion of Valor, Ralph Hall, veterans employment service, and Ernest G. Green, assistant secretary of labor for Employment and Training (left to right) confer during Legion's 60th national convention

Assistant Secretary of Labor Ernest Green has cited the Disabled Veterans Outreach program of the Department of Maine as a unique program with "superior performance."

Green, who talked about veterans unemployment problems and solutions during the national convention in New Orleans, described the Maine program as a bright spot in the entire area of veterans services provided by The American Legion.

The Maine program is being directed by Department Adjutant Dan Lambert.

The Maine program, in existence for almost 10 months, has given assistance to more than 2,000 veterans, with more than 400 veterans having been placed in jobs with the department's direct involvement with employers.

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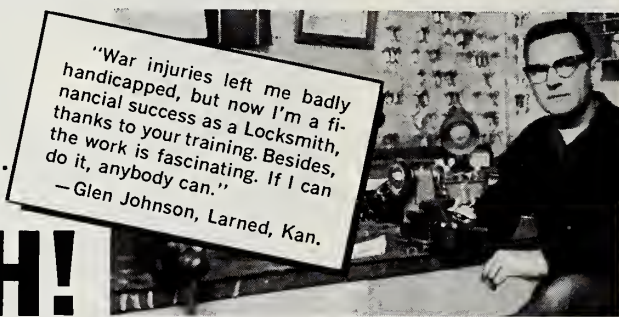
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The American Legion Auxiliary Golden Mike and Golden Press Awards were presented to Washington, DC TV reporter Marjorie Margolies, Boston Public Radio producer George Morency, the Golden Press Award to Karen Onion for her editorial series on child abuse and neglect appearing in the Canby, OR Herald, and to Richard Vonier, for a series in the Tucson, AZ Daily Citizen on abuses in that state's foster child care program.

The success of the week-long Auxiliary National Convention is attributable to the host state members whose hard work and dedication smoothed the way for arriving delegates and coordinated the convention down to the minutest detail.

National Convention Chairman Pat Severson of River Ridge, LA and her Convention Steering Committee, headed by Loretta Hote and Jeannette D'Amico, both from Metairie, LA, with the aid of only 21 other ladies, handled all the advance planning and coordinated day-to-day activities for the delegates, alternates and guests. By week's end, everyone agreed that kudos to the ladies from the Bayou State were definitely in order.



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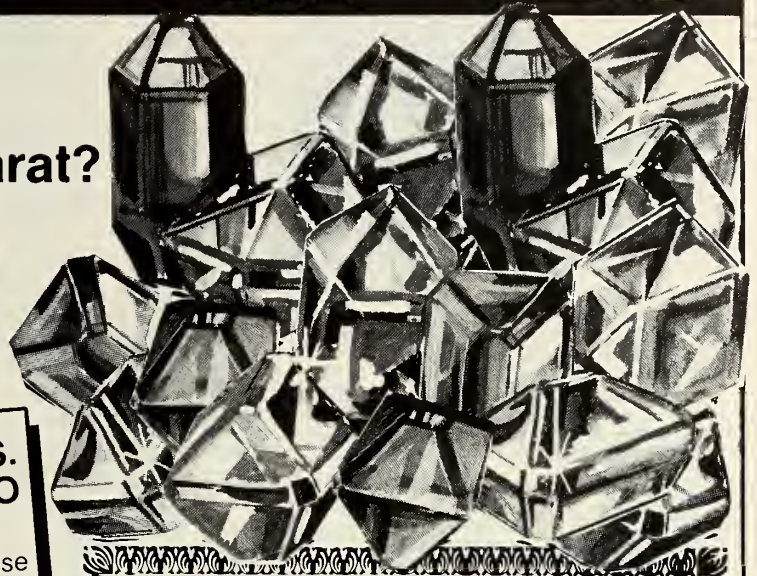
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The Society elected Charles H. Titus of St. Petersburg, FL as its president for 1978-79, succeeding Harry Foster of San Diego, CA.

In addition to Titus and Foster, founders attending the Society's meeting in New Orleans were J. Edward Radley of Peoria, IL, Charles J. Maisel of Odessa, TX, E. Davis McCutcheon of Pass Christian, MS, Burnett E. Ferguson of Charleston, WV, John J. Wicker Jr. of Richmond, VA and Edward Sharkey of San Francisco, CA.

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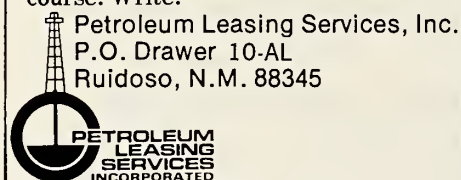
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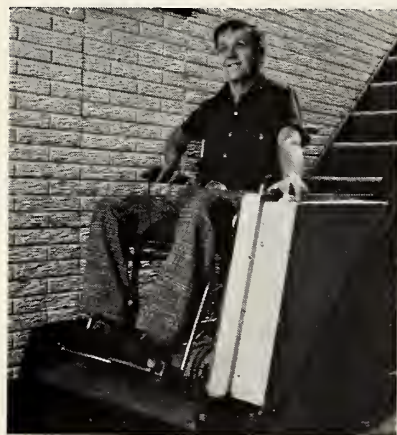
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Battle of Belleau Wood

The news coverage the Marines got in June 1918, has rankled Army men ever since.

More to the point, however, the Marines did bear the brunt of the heaviest fighting in that June and, in the end, Maj. Maurice Shearer, commander of the third battalion of the 5th Marine Regiment, exaltingly reported:

"Woods now U.S. Marine Corps entirely."

The Army Almanac records that the Marine Brigade attached to the 2nd Division was furnished medical corpsmen by the U.S. Navy, which made a special uniform change. This uniform allowed the corpsmen to wear a shoulder strap on the left shoulder of "dress blues" so that the French Fourragère (braided cord) could be worn. This was the only U.S. Navy unit to earn this decoration.

Just before Belleau Wood, the 2nd Division began the occupation of a 20-kilometer front astride the road from Chateau-Thierry to Paris May 31, 1918, during the Aisne operation. It controlled the Chateau-Thierry sector from June 6 to July 10 while the Marine Brigade was driving the Germans from Belleau Wood. From July 18 to 20, the Division participated in the Aisne-Marne operation and by August 19, the 2nd occupied the Marbache sector of Lorraine. The 2nd Division capped its vital role against the Germans by participating in the Meuse-Argonne offensive from Nov. 1 until Armistice day, Nov. 11.

A footnote to the 2nd Division story is that Maj. Gen. John A. Le

jeune, USMC, commanded the Division from June 22 to Aug. 3, 1918.

Years later military analysts speculated that Belleau Wood could have been made uninhabitable to the Germans by artillery fire, thus saving so many casualties.

But the 4th Marine Brigade fought at the West Wood near Antietam Creek in Maryland and in the little clumps of trees on Cemetery Ridge at Gettysburg, PA during the Civil War.

The military value of any of these small areas can be questioned. But at any given time at a particular place one group of men desperately wanted to take that ground away from another group equally desperate in their desire to hold it. This type of action dictated decisions and events, whatever the war involved.

Marine 1st Lt. John W. Thomson, Jr., who lived through the Battle of Belleau Wood and later won a reputation as a writer and illustrator, thought of the Civil War, but he saw little comparison between the color and glamor of what he believed the Civil War battles to be and what he saw of exhausted men in olive drab uniforms fighting for their very lives at Belleau Wood.

There was more of a difference. The Germans relied on mustard gas to repel the American attack.

Another difference: In the 1860's the cruel test was over in hours. At Belleau Wood the hours ran into days and on into weeks.

Belleau Wood, necessary or not by the calculations of second guessers, was an American victory. It helped turn the German tide until the 2nd Division was again ready to meet the enemy in World War II.



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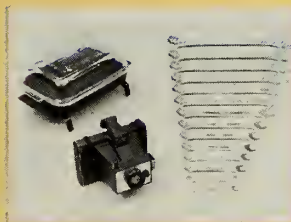
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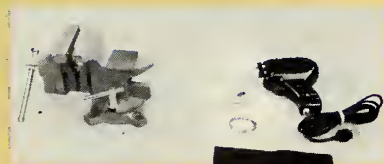
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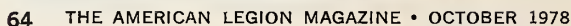
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The game-bird preserve is owned and operated privately but is licensed by the state. The birds are kept in pens on the preserve. They are wild, especially the pheasants, although quail and sometimes chukar must be "scared" daily by the preserve hands so they will maintain their fast-flying ability. The visiting hunter buys a number of birds, usually six, from the preserve operator. Price ranges from \$8 up. If the hunter doesn't have a bird dog, the operator will supply one with its handler, usually at no charge. The selected birds are netted from the pens and then allowed to fly off. The hunter watches and notes where each bird lands in the brush or field. Then he and the dog and its handler hunt them. There is usually no time limit; he may take all day if he wishes. If he bags the number he purchased and also another bird which escaped another hunter, he must pay for this bird also. This is real "wild" hunting, comparable to that during conventional state open seasons. But it can be made extremely simple if desired for beginners or the handicapped, even possible for wheelchair hunters. In this case, the handler takes each bird, tucks its head under its wing, then holding it in both hands and its head in place, he rotates it several times in a wide circle. This strangely puts the bird to sleep. Then he carefully places the sleeping bird under some brush or grass and marks the place with a piece of white cloth. He then returns for the hunter. When they have returned to one of the marked places, the hunter gets ready and the handler walks toward the hidden bird and prods it with his toe. The bird is aroused and takes flight, a target for the hunter.

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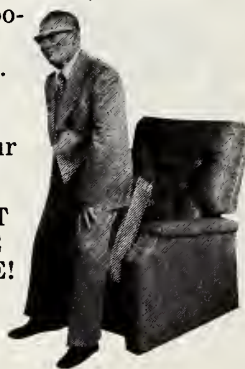


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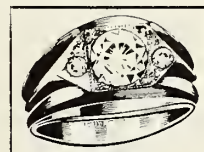
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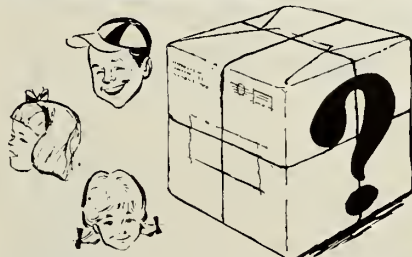
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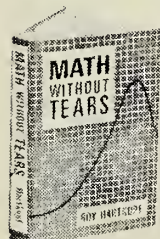
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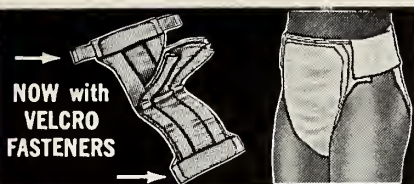
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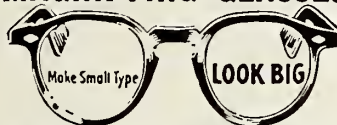
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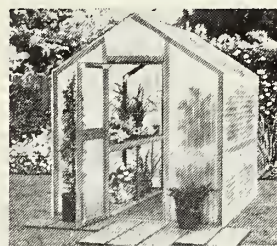
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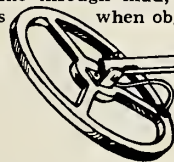
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—HENRY E. LEABO

ONE WHO KNOWS...

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—FRAN ALLEN

Planned parenthood may be all right—but it's a little disturbing to think some juveniles were premeditated.

—D. O. FLYNN

INTUITION: How a woman knows for sure without knowing for certain.

—DALLAS REED

GYMNASTIC FEET?

My friend is quite an acrobat.
He's the only guy who knows
How to put both feet in his mouth
And still step on people's toes!

—RUTH WALSH

By the time we think we can read women like a book we need bifocals.

—GEORGE BERGMAN

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Mother Nature's modesty
Perhaps we should be sharing,
By noting how she colors up
When shedding what she's wearing.

—HELEN CASTLE

WORD TO THE WISE

When observing a woman's birthday,
Make it perfectly clear;
You're remembering the day,
You've forgotten the year.

—GEORGE O. LUDCKE

As a financier Noah was underrated.
He floated his stock while everyone else
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—G. G. CRABTREE

LIB LIBEL?

Women's Lib might be okay,
But there's still an inequitable bog.
How come diamonds are a girl's best friend,
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—CAROL MAYFIELD

HOW TRUE...

The fellow who remembers what he was
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—MARY RUDDY

WRONG ANGLE?

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